

House Bill 1290

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education
3 Act," so as to require that any course of study in sex education and HIV/AIDS prevention
4 instruction is age appropriate and provides instruction on consent and intimate partner
5 violence and abuse; to establish new requirements on the prescribed course for human
6 trafficking awareness; to require the course on awareness and prevention of sex abuse and
7 assault be taught through the twelfth grade; to provide for related matters; to repeal
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
12 relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is
13 amended in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-142, relating to prescribed
14 courses, as follows:

15 "(2) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a an age-appropriate course of study
16 in human trafficking awareness and prevention for grades ~~six through 12~~; three through

17 12, which may be included as part of the health and physical education course of study
 18 provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection. Such course on human trafficking
 19 awareness and prevention shall:

20 (A) Include instruction on the prevalence, nature, and varieties of human trafficking,
 21 including, but not limited to, forced labor, sex trafficking, and debt bondage;

22 (B) Provide strategies to reduce the risk of experiencing human trafficking;

23 (C) Provide resources and best practices to safely seek assistance;

24 (D) Explain how social media, the internet, and smartphone applications are used in
 25 recruiting victims of human trafficking; and

26 (E) Review common misconceptions and stereotypes about human trafficking."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 Said article is further amended in Code Section 20-2-143, relating to sex education and AIDS
 29 prevention instruction, implementation, and student exemption, as follows:

30 "20-2-143.

31 (a) Each local board of education shall prescribe a an age-appropriate course of study in
 32 sex education and ~~AIDS~~ human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention instruction for
 33 such grades and grade levels in the public school system as shall be determined by the State
 34 Board of Education. Such course of study shall implement either the minimum course of
 35 study provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section or its equivalent, as approved by
 36 the State Board of Education. Each local board of education shall be authorized to
 37 supplement and develop the exact approach of content areas of such minimum course of
 38 study with such specific curriculum standards as it may deem appropriate. Such standards
 39 shall include age-appropriate instruction ~~relating to~~ concerning consent, the handling of
 40 peer pressure, the promotion of high self-esteem, local community values, the legal
 41 consequences of parenthood, and abstinence from sexual activity as an effective method

42 of prevention of pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and ~~acquired immune deficiency~~
43 ~~syndrome~~ HIV/AIDS.

44 (b) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a an age-appropriate minimum course of
45 study in sex education and ~~AIDS~~ HIV/AIDS prevention instruction which may be included
46 as a part of a course of study in comprehensive health education for such grades and grade
47 levels in the public school system as shall be determined by the state board and shall
48 establish standards for its administration. The course may include instruction concerning
49 human biology, conception, pregnancy, birth, sexually transmitted diseases, and ~~acquired~~
50 ~~immune deficiency syndrome~~ HIV/AIDS. The course shall include instruction concerning
51 the legal consequences of parenthood, including, without being limited to, the legal
52 obligation of both parents to support a child and legal penalties or restrictions upon failure
53 to support a child, including, without being limited to, the possible suspension or
54 revocation of a parent's driver's license and occupational or professional licenses. The
55 course shall include instruction for students in grades six through 12 on intimate partner
56 violence and abuse, including, but not limited to:

- 57 (1) The definition of intimate partner violence and abuse;
58 (2) Warning signs of intimate partner violence and abusive behavior;
59 (3) The characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships;
60 (4) Measures to prevent and stop intimate partner violence and abuse;
61 (5) Resources available to victims of intimate partner violence and abuse; and
62 (6) A review of common misconceptions and stereotypes about intimate partner violence
63 and abuse.

64 The course shall also include annual age-appropriate instruction for students in
65 kindergarten through grade 12 concerning consent and the awareness and prevention of
66 sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in kindergarten through grade
67 nine which shall include:

- 68 (1) Age-appropriate information on behaviors that constitute sexual abuse and assault;

95 developed by the local unit of administration in conjunction with such agencies as regional
96 educational service agencies, colleges and universities, and other appropriate organizations.
97 These programs shall be designed to address identified needs determined by appropriate
98 personnel evaluation instruments. These programs shall also focus on improving the skills
99 of certificated personnel that directly relate to improving student achievement, as reflected
100 in the revised certification renewal rules established by the Professional Standards
101 Commission pursuant to paragraph (4.1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-200
102 regarding the impact of professional learning on student achievement. These programs
103 shall also include in-service training programs on sexual abuse and assault awareness and
104 prevention for professional personnel who will be providing instruction in annual
105 age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in
106 kindergarten through grade ~~nine~~ 12 pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-143.
107 Records of attendance shall be maintained by local units of administration and shall be
108 monitored by appropriate Department of Education staff."

109 **SECTION 4.**

110 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.