

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to HB 298:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to require a course of instruction in pregnancy,
3 health, and human development for students in grades nine through 12; to require that such
4 course of instruction be included in the course of instruction regarding health and physical
5 education; to require the State Board of Education to consult with the Department of Public
6 Health; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
10 secondary education, is amended in Part 2 of Article 6, relating to competencies and core
11 curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new paragraph to
12 subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-142, relating to prescribed courses, to read as follows:

13 "(3)(A) By July 1, 2025, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the
14 Department of Public Health, shall prescribe a course of study in pregnancy, health, and
15 human development for grades nine through 12. Such course of study shall include

16 instruction on human biology related to pregnancy and shall include, but shall not be
17 limited to, the following topics:

18 (i) The stages and hallmarks of gestational development for humans, which shall
19 include a high-definition ultrasound video or high-quality computer generated
20 rendering or animation, showing every stage of human development after fertilization
21 inside the uterus, noting significant markers and cell growth as well as organ
22 development for every week of pregnancy until birth, including, but not limited to, the
23 development of the brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs during early human
24 development; and

25 (ii) Comorbid conditions encountered in pregnant women and the symptoms of each,
26 complications of delivery, and the frequency and common causes of maternal
27 mortality resulting from explicit complications of pregnancy.

28 (B) The course of study in pregnancy, health, and human development provided for in
29 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall:

30 (i) Be included as part of the health and physical education course of study provided
31 for in paragraph (1) of this subsection;

32 (ii) Not be delivered in conjunction with any course of study in sex education
33 provided for in Code Section 20-2-143; and

34 (iii) Not include instruction or utilize any instructional material which addresses or
35 otherwise deals with sexual intercourse."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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