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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: HF391/SF175 House Committee: Passed on 2/11/25 (16-7)

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Fetal Development Instruction

- Human growth and development curriculum in 5-12th grade shall include:
 - o Instruction related to human development inside the womb
 - o A high definition ultrasound video showing the presence of the brain, heart, and other vital organs in early fetal development
 - A high-quality, computer generated rendering or animation, or an ultrasound or other real image, that depicts the humanity of the unborn child by showing prenatal human development, starting at fertilization, noting significant markers in cell growth and organ development throughout every stage of pregnancy.
 - The instruction shall not include anything provided by an entity that:
 - Performs abortions
 - Promotes abortions
 - o Contracts or subcontracts with an entity that performs or promotes abortions
 - o Becomes or continues to be an affiliate of any entity that perform or promotes abortions
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Section by Section Analysis

Section 1. Section 256.11(3) & (4)

• In grades 5-8, the age appropriate and research-based human growth and development instruction shall incorporate the standards listed below.

Section 2. Section 256.11(5)(j)

Standards incorporate the standards established below.

Section 3. Section 256E.7(2)(g)

Applies to charter schools.

Section 4. Section 256F.4(2)

Applies to charter schools.

Section 5. Section 279.50(2) and (3)

In grades 5-12, the age appropriate and research-based instruction in human growth and development that shall include all of the following:

- Human development inside the womb.
- A high-definition ultrasound video showing the presence of the brain, heart, and other vital organs in early fetal development.
- A high-quality, computer-generated rendering or animation, or an ultrasound or other real image, that depicts the humanity of the unborn child by showing prenatal human development, starting at fertilization, noting significant markers in cell growth and organ development throughout every stage or pregnancy.

The age-appropriate and research-based instruction shall not include any book, article, outline, handout, video, or ohther educational material produced or provided by an entity that does any of the following:

- o Performs abortions
- o Promotes abortions
- o Contracts or subcontracts with an entity that performs or promotes abortions
- Becomes or continues to be an affiliate of any entity that performs or promotes abortions\
- o Regularly makes referrals to an entity that provides or promotes abortions.

Section 6. Section 279.50(1)(b)

Research based definition amended to say it's "complete" and "unbiased." Removes the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National Association of School Nurses listed out as organizations and agencies with relevant expertise in the field. Strikes "information that is free of racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, and gender biases."