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H.B. No. 1068

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to including fetal development instruction as part of the health curriculum used in public schools in certain grade levels.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (y) to read as follows:

(y) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring students enrolled in grade levels seven and eight to receive instruction on fetal development as part of the essential knowledge and skills for the health curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(B).

The instruction must include:

(1) information on:

(A) the human reproductive process, pregnancy, and infertility;

(B) establishing healthy life skills; and

(C) preventing birth defects, including information on the effect of drugs, alcohol, and environmental hazards, including lead; and

(2) a description of the growth and development of an unborn child that occur during each trimester of pregnancy.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.