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H.B. No. 3739

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fetal development instruction included as part of the public school health curriculum 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 (r-1) to read as follows:

(r-1) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring students enrolled in grades 7 through 12 to receive instruction on fetal development and the consequences of fetal termination as part of the essential knowledge and skills for the health curriculum required under Subsection (a)(2)(B). The instruction must include:

(1) information on and depictions of:

(A) medically assisted fetal termination procedures, including the use of abortion-inducing drugs, as defined by Section 171.061, Health and Safety Code;

(B) other acts of intentional or negligent fetal termination, including termination resulting from the adverse effects of drugs and alcohol; and

(C) the growth and development of an unborn child that occur during each week of pregnancy; and

(2) information on pregnancy-related resources available to students, including resources provided by local faith-based organizations, that:

1                    (A) support carrying a child to term; and  
2                    (B) are not associated with an organization that  
3 provides or advocates for fetal termination procedures.

4            SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026  
5 school year.

6            SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.