
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN SEXUALITY HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an understanding of
2 fetal growth and development is essential to a comprehensive
3 sexual health education program. The Centers for Disease
4 Control and Prevention recommend that sexual health education
5 curricula be medically accurate and consistent with scientific
6 research. Further, the Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention recognize that students with access to sexual health
8 education programs are more likely to have fewer sexual
9 partners, use protection during sex, and postpone engaging in
10 sexual activity.

11 The purpose of this Act is to provide students with a
12 medically accurate understanding of fetal growth and development
13 to reduce their likelihood of engaging in high-risk sexual
14 behavior.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part XLIV to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§321- Growth and development and sexuality health
5 education curriculum. (a) Health programs funded by the State
6 shall include human growth and development discussion. The
7 human growth and development discussion shall include:

8 (1) A high-definition ultrasound video, at least three
9 minutes in duration, showing the development of the
10 brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in
11 early fetal development; and

12 (2) A high-quality, computer-generated rendering or
13 animation showing the process of fertilization and
14 every stage of human development inside the uterus,
15 noting significant markers in cell growth and organ
16 development for every week of pregnancy until birth.

17 (b) Sexuality health education programs funded by the
18 State shall include:

19 (1) A high-definition ultrasound video, at least three
20 minutes in duration, showing the development of the



1 brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in
2 early fetal development; and

3 (2) A high-quality, computer-generated rendering or
4 animation showing the process of fertilization and
5 every stage of human development inside the uterus,
6 noting significant markers in cell growth and organ
7 development for every week of pregnancy until birth.

8 (c) The superintendent of education shall ensure the
9 requirements of this section are included in the Hawaii health
10 content and sexual health education standards.

11 (d) For the purposes of this section:

12 "Human growth and development discussion" means an oral,
13 written, or digital lesson, lecture, or presentation about human
14 biology related to pregnancy and human development inside the
15 womb.

16 "Sexuality health education" means education in any medium
17 regarding human development and sexuality, including education
18 on pregnancy, family planning, and sexually transmitted
19 diseases."

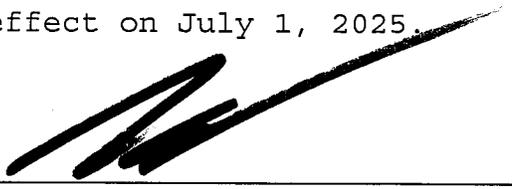
20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

Education; Sexuality Health Education; Fetal Growth and Development

Description:

Requires that student health and sexuality health education programs include discussion of fetal growth and development. Outlines specific content to be included.

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