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An Act to Require Family Life Education to Include a Human Growth and Development Curriculum

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester, LEMELIN of Chelsea, TUELL of East Machias.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1912 is enacted to read:

§1912. Human growth and development curriculum

1. Definition. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "human growth and development discussion" means an oral, written or digital lesson, lecture or presentation about human biology related to pregnancy and human development inside the uterus.

2. Human growth and development discussion. A school offering comprehensive family life education pursuant to section 1910 shall incorporate a human growth and development discussion into its curriculum. The human growth and development discussion must be offered to students beginning no later than grade 3.

3. Videos. A human growth and development discussion must include:

A. A high-definition ultrasound video, at least 3 minutes in duration, showing the fetal development of the brain, heart, sex organs and other vital organs in early fetal development; and

B. A video showing the process of fertilization and every stage of fetal development inside the uterus and noting significant markers in cell growth and organ development of a fetus from conception to birth.

4. Cause of action; civil suit. The Attorney General has a cause of action to sue for damages and injunctive relief and may bring a civil suit to enforce this section on behalf of a resident of the State against a person that violates this section.

SUMMARY

This bill requires schools offering comprehensive family life education to include a human growth and development discussion that includes an ultrasound video and a video showing the process of fertilization and every stage of fetal development inside the uterus. The Attorney General is authorized to bring a civil suit to enforce the provision.