

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 309

An act relating to courses of study; amending s. 233.061, F.S.; authorizing certain exemptions from required reproductive health or HIV/AIDS instructional activities; conforming terminology; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 233.061, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

233.061 Required instruction.—

(3) Any student child whose parent or guardian makes written request presents to the school principal shall be exempted from a signed statement that the teaching of reproductive health or disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment. A student, and the viewing of pictures or motion pictures that teach about disease, conflict with the religious teachings of the child's religious affiliation, is exempt from such instruction; and a child so exempted may not be penalized by reason of that exemption. Course descriptions for comprehensive health education shall not interfere with the local determination of appropriate curriculum which reflects local values and concerns.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 11, 1999.

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