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LEGISLATIVE BILL 213

Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-760.01,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the State Board of
- 3 Education to adopt academic content standards on human embryology
- 4 under the science education standards as prescribed; to repeal the
- 5 original section; and to declare an emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 79-760.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
2 is amended to read:

3 79-760.01 (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt measurable
4 academic content standards for at least the grade levels required for
5 statewide assessment pursuant to section 79-760.03. The standards shall
6 cover the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and
7 social studies.

8 (2)(a) The board shall also adopt measurable academic content
9 standards for the following as part of the social studies standards:

10 (i) Financial literacy; and

11 (ii) Education on the Holocaust and other acts of genocide as
12 recognized by the Congress of the United States or the United Nations as
13 of January 1, 2022.

14 (b) On or before March 1, 2024, the board shall also adopt
15 measurable academic content standards for computer science and technology
16 education under the mathematics, science, or career and technical
17 education standards.

18 (c)(i) On or before March 1, 2026, the board shall adopt measurable
19 academic content standards for human embryology under the science
20 education standards. Such standards shall be integrated into each
21 school's curriculum no later than the start of the 2026-27 school year
22 and shall include:

23 (A) Instruction on human development that accurately portrays the
24 biological science of human embryology, including the Carnegie Stages of
25 Human Embryonic Development, in the curriculum of elementary, middle
26 school, and high school students; and

27 (B) High-definition visual recordings which are of at least four-
28 dimensional quality, commonly referred to as 4D. The visual recordings
29 shall show the development of the brain, heart, sex organs, and other
30 vital organs throughout fetal development.

31 (ii) A parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker as defined in

1 section 79-530 may opt such parent's, guardian's, or educational
2 decisionmaker's student out of the instruction provided pursuant to
3 subdivision (2)(c)(i) of this section.

4 (3) Academic content standards adopted or recommended pursuant to
5 this section shall be sufficiently clear and measurable to be used for
6 testing student performance with respect to mastery of the content
7 described in the state standards.

8 (4) The State Board of Education shall develop a plan to review and
9 update standards for each subject area every seven years. The state board
10 plan shall include a review of commonly accepted standards adopted by
11 school districts.

12 **Sec. 2.** Original section 79-760.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
13 Nebraska, is repealed.

14 **Sec. 3.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
15 passed and approved according to law.