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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Paul O. Burns, Ed.D.

**DATE:** September 8, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **Approval of Health Materials per House Bill 1069**

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[House Bill 1069](#), effective July 1, 2023, amended section (s.) 1003.42, Florida Statutes (F.S.), Required instruction, and s. 1003.46, F.S., Health education; instruction in acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Section 1003.42(1)(b), F.S., now requires all materials used to teach reproductive health or any disease including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment, as part of the courses in health education, to be approved by the Florida Department of Education.

Amendments to s. 1003.46(2), F.S., in House Bill 1069 require schools to do the following throughout instruction in AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, or health education, when such instruction and course materials contains instruction in human sexuality:

- *classify males and females as provided in s. 1000.21(9), F.S., and*
- *teach that biological males impregnate biological females by fertilizing the female egg with male sperm; that the female then gestates the offspring; and that these reproductive roles are binary, stable, and unchangeable.*

By September 30, 2023, school districts must submit materials used in a health education course to teach reproductive health or any disease, such as HIV/AIDS and all materials containing instruction on human sexuality. The materials must be submitted to the Portal available at [www.flrequiredinstruction.org](http://www.flrequiredinstruction.org).

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The Portal will allow school districts the following options for submittal of materials:

- School districts that solely use state-adopted materials for these topics will be required to indicate this in the Portal; these materials need not be submitted for review;
- School districts that use state-adopted materials and supplemental materials for these topics must submit supplemental materials for review; state-adopted materials need not be submitted for review; or
- School districts that do not use state-adopted materials for these topics must submit all materials used to satisfy ss. 1003.42(1)(b) and 1003.46(2), F.S.

School districts may begin submitting these materials on September 1, 2023. Once submitted, materials will be reviewed for compliance with the requirements of ss. 1003.42(1)(b) and 1003.46(2), F.S. In order to assist with the review, districts are requested to cull the materials so that only those materials identified in this memo are submitted.

For more information, please contact Healthy Schools via email at [HealthySchools1@fldoe.org](mailto:HealthySchools1@fldoe.org) or (850) 245-3212.

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cc: School District Health Education Coordinators