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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Jacob Oliva

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**SUBJECT: House Bill 545 (2021) Reproductive Health and Disease Education**

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The 2021 Legislature passed, and Governor DeSantis signed into law, [House Bill 545](#). This became effective July 1, 2021. The purpose of this memorandum is to remind school districts of provisions related to reproductive health and disease education.

House Bill 545 (2021) amends sections (ss.) 1002.20, 1003.42 and 1006.40, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and requires district school boards to annually approve reproductive health and disease instructional materials at an open, noticed public meeting and make these materials available for public review on the district's website. Districts must also publish on their website a notice of a parent's right to exempt a student from reproductive health and disease instruction and the process to request an exemption.

School districts are required to ensure the following mandates per House Bill 545 (2021) are being implemented:

- School districts must notify parents of their right to exempt a student from reproductive health or disease instruction, explicitly noting the process to request an exemption on the district's website homepage.
- A student's parent must be able to access and review instructional materials used to teach reproductive health or disease instruction, including HIV/AIDS, and these materials must be approved annually by a district school board in an open, noticed public meeting.

The department anticipates an update to members of the State Board of Education and Florida Legislature on school district compliance.

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