

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1180

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AN ACT TO CREATE THE BABY OLIVIA ACT; AND FOR OTHER

12 PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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TO CREATE THE BABY OLIVIA ACT.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202(f)(46) and (47), concerning the*  
21 *laws for which public school superintendents may be required to submit a*  
22 *written statement of assurance that ensures compliance, is amended to read as*  
23 *follows:*

24 *(46) Section 6-17-2803(7) and rules promulgated by the state*  
25 *board concerning the required training and credentialing of evaluators under*  
26 *the Teacher Excellence and Support System, § 6-17-2801 et seq.; and*

27 *(47) Section 6-16-1008 and § 6-18-703(a)(3)(A)(ii) concerning*  
28 *requirements for certain human growth and development education; and*

29 *~~(47)~~(48) Any other statutory mandate for school districts*  
30 *identified by the division as relevant to the Standards for Accreditation of*  
31 *Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.*

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33 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 10, is*

34 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

35 *6-16-1008. Human growth and development education.*

36 *(a) As used in this section, "human growth and development discussion"*



1 means an oral, written, or digital lesson, lecture, or presentation regarding  
2 human biology as it relates to pregnancy and human development inside the  
3 womb.

4 (b)(1) Each public school district and open-enrollment public charter  
5 school shall incorporate a human growth and development discussion into an  
6 existing health and safety course beginning in the fifth grade.

7 (2) The human growth and development discussion required by  
8 subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall include:

9 (A) A high-definition ultrasound video that is at least  
10 three (3) minutes in duration, which shows the brain, heart, sex organs, and  
11 other vital organs in early fetal development; and

12 (B) The "Meet Baby Olivia" video developed by Live Action,  
13 which depicts the process of fertilization and every stage of human  
14 development inside the uterus and notes significant markers in cell growth  
15 and organ development for every significant marker of pregnancy until birth.

16 (c)(1) Acknowledging the interest of the State of Arkansas in  
17 safeguarding the health and well-being of its residents, the Attorney General  
18 may bring a civil action in the name of the state, as parens patriae on  
19 behalf of natural persons residing in this state, to enforce this section.

20 (2) The Attorney General may bring a cause of action for  
21 injunctive relief and damages, as appropriate, on behalf of a resident of the  
22 State of Arkansas against a person or an entity that violates this section.

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24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-18-703(a)(3), concerning information and  
25 services provided by school-based health clinics that offer sex education, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (3)(A) Schools that offer sex education in school-based health  
28 clinics shall include ~~instruction;~~

29 (i) ~~Instruction~~ in sexual abstinence,; and ~~no funds~~

30 (ii) A human growth and development discussion, as  
31 defined in § 6-16-1008(a), which shall include:

32 (a) A high-definition ultrasound video that is  
33 at least three (3) minutes in duration depicting the brain, heart, sex  
34 organs, and other vital organs in early fetal development; and

35 (b) The "Meet Baby Olivia" video developed by  
36 Live Action, which depicts the process of fertilization and every stage of

1 human development inside the uterus and notes significant markers in cell  
2 growth and organ development for every significant marker of pregnancy until  
3 birth.

4 (B) Funds shall not be utilized for abortion referral.

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6 SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Baby Olivia Act".

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9 /s/Bentley

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