

By: Richardson

H.B. No. 3972

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to including fetal development instruction as part of the required health curriculum for public school students in certain grade levels.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (r-1) to read as follows:

(r-1) The State Board of Education shall by rule require students in grades six through eight to receive instruction on the humanity of the unborn child and the concept that life begins at fertilization as part of the essential knowledge and skills for the health curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(B). To the extent the videos are publicly available, the instruction must include a showing of the following each year:

(1) LiveAction, Meet Baby Olivia (2025), <https://www.babyolivia.liveaction.org>;

(2) St. John Paul II Life Center, A Glimpse Inside (2025), <https://www.glimpseinside.org>; and

(3) "The Miracle of Life," NOVA (PBS Feb. 15, 1983).

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.