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A Bill

SENATE BILL 450

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
11 INCLUDE A HUMAN FETAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
12 DISCUSSION IN THE RELEVANT STANDARDS DURING THE
13 ARKANSAS ACADEMIC STANDARDS REVISION CYCLE; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 10, is
27 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 6-16-1008. Human fetal growth and development education.

29 (a) As used in this section, "human fetal growth and development
30 discussion" means an oral, written, or digital lesson, lecture, or
31 presentation regarding human biology as it relates to pregnancy and human
32 development inside the womb.

33 (b)(1)(A) The Department of Education shall include a human fetal
34 growth and development discussion in the relevant standards during the
35 Arkansas Academic Standards revision cycle.

36 (B) The Department of Education, in consultation with the



1 Department of Health, shall determine the appropriate grade levels for
2 receipt of the human fetal growth and development discussion required under
3 subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section.

4 (2) The human fetal growth and development discussion required
5 by subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall include:

6 (A) A high-definition ultrasound that shows the brain,
7 heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in early fetal development; and

8 (B) The process of fertilization and every stage of human
9 development inside the uterus, including a discussion that notes significant
10 markers in cell growth and organ development for every significant marker of
11 pregnancy until birth.

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