



1           WHEREAS, current middle and high school science and health standards provide for  
2 topics related to genetic traits, embryo development, sexual reproduction, living things made  
3 of cells and distinction between living and non-living things, and cellular contribution to the  
4 whole of an organism, but there is no requirement for instruction on human development  
5 from conception to birth; and

6           WHEREAS, the use of high definition ultrasound video and computer-generated  
7 animation showing the development of vital organs in the early stages of human fetal  
8 development is being incorporated into instruction across the country in courses concerning  
9 human biology.

10           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
11 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to incorporate the  
12 science of human growth and development, including instruction on prenatal growth and in  
13 utero development of all vital organs and significant markers and cell growth, into the state  
14 content standards for the subjects of science or health education at an age- and grade-  
15 appropriate level.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges and requests the State  
17 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide age- and grade-appropriate  
18 materials and information on its website that may be used in curriculum and instruction  
19 related to the standards, including high definition ultrasound video or computer-generated  
20 animation that depicts prenatal growth and development.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges and requests the State  
22 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to submit a written report to the House  
23 Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than  
24 March 1, 2027, relative to any action taken with respect to the content standards and the  
25 clearinghouse as requested in this Resolution.

26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
27 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state  
28 superintendent of education.

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**DIGEST**

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Requests that the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education:

- (1) Incorporate the science of human growth and development, including but not limited to prenatal development, into the state content standards for science or health education at an age- and grade-appropriate level.
- (2) Provide age- and grade-appropriate materials and information on its website that may be used in curriculum and instruction related to the standards, including but not limited to videos showing prenatal development.
- (3) Submit a written report to the House and Senate education committees by March 1, 2027, relative to any action taken with respect to the content standards and the clearinghouse as requested in this Resolution.