| 1 | State of Arkansas | As Engrossed: \$3/28/23 | |
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| 2 | 94th General Assembly | A Bill | |
| 3 | Regular Session, 2023 | | SENATE BILL 384 |
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| 5 | By: Senators D. Wallace, L. Chesterfield | | |
| 6 | By: Representative Joey Car | r | |
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| 8 | For An Act To Be Entitled | | |
| 9 | AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE | | |
| 10 | INSTRUCTION ON ADOPTION AWARENESS; AND FOR OTHER | | |
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| 19 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE | GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF | ARKANSAS: |
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| 21 | | ansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, S | ubchapter I, is amended |
| 22 | | section to read as follows: | |
| 23 | - | etion awareness education — Instru | - |
| 24 | _ | ng with the 2023-2024 school year | _ |
| 25 | - | de instruction on adoption awaren | |
| 26 | | x through twelve (6-12) at the pu | |
| 27 | | exceed one (1) hour during each | |
| 28 | | public school shall provide the | |
| 29 | _ | struction required under subdivis | 10n (a)(1) of this |
| 30 | _ | ning of each school year. | |
| 31 | | A public school may require tha | _ |
| 32 | awareness instruction required under subdivision (a)(1) of this section is | | |
| 33 | <u>provided:</u> | (i) Position and the state of | |
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| 1 | (b) The State Board of Education shall develop curricula, standards, |
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| 2 | materials, and units relating to adoption awareness instruction required by |
| 3 | subsection (a) of this section. |
| 4 | (c) Adoption awareness instruction required by subsection (a) of this |
| 5 | section shall include without limitation: |
| 6 | (1) The benefits of adoption to society; |
| 7 | (2) The types of adoption available; |
| 8 | (3) The difference between adoption through the foster care |
| 9 | system and private adoption; |
| 10 | (4) The reasons adoption is preferable to abortion; |
| 11 | (5) Public and private resources and agencies available to |
| 12 | assist in the adoption process; |
| 13 | (6) Statistical data on abortion, adoption, and childbirth; |
| 14 | (7) Public and private resources available for pregnant mothers |
| 15 | and parents enrolled in a public school; and |
| 16 | (8) A description of child and human development. |
| 17 | (d) A public school shall provide any information provided to students |
| 18 | under this section that was in written form to the parent, legal guardian, or |
| 19 | person standing in loco parentis to a pregnant student who is enrolled in the |
| 20 | public school. |
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| 22 | /s/D. Wallace |
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