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5   By: Senator D. Wallace

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE
INSTRUCTION ON ADOPTION AWARENESS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE
INSTRUCTION ON ADOPTION AWARENESS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-16-156. Adoption awareness education — Instruction required.

(a)(1) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, a public high school
in the state shall provide one (1) hour of instruction on adoption awareness
to students enrolled in grades nine through twelve (9-12) at the public high
school.

(2) A public high school shall provide the one (1) hour of
adoption awareness instruction required under subdivision (a)(1) of this
section at the beginning of each school year.

(b) The State Board of Education shall develop curricula, standards,
materials, and units relating to adoption awareness instruction required by
subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Adoption awareness instruction required by subsection (a) of this
section shall include without limitation:

(1) The benefits of adoption to society;

(2) The types of adoption available;

1   (3) The difference between adoption through the foster care
2   system and private adoption;
3   (4) The reasons adoption is preferable to abortion;
4   (5) Public and private resources and agencies available to
5   assist in the adoption process;
6   (6) Statistical data on abortion, adoption, and childbirth;
7   (7) Public and private resources available for pregnant mothers
8   and parents enrolled in a public school; and
9   (8) A description of child and human development.
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