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ACTS REFERRED TO

Education Act 1998 (No. 51)
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Bill

An Act to amend the Education Act 1998 and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Definition
1. In this Act, “Principal Act” means the Education Act 1998.

Amendment of section 9 (functions of a school) of Principal Act
2. Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) in paragraph (d) by deleting “and provide health education for them”, and
(b) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (d):

“(da) provide evidence informed health education (being evidence of an objective nature), including cognitive, emotional, physical and social aspects of relationships and sex education and ensure that the education provides students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to enable students—

(i) to understand health, wellbeing and dignity,
(ii) to develop respectful social and sexual relationships, and
(iii) to consider how choices affect the student’s wellbeing and the wellbeing of others,

and for the purposes of the other provisions of this paragraph, to understand and ensure the protection of constitutional rights of all persons,”.

Amendment of section 13 (the inspectorate) of Principal Act
3. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (3) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (g):

“(ga) to evaluate the effectiveness of the teaching, development and promotion of health education, including relationships and sex
education, in schools and to report to the Minister on those matters.”.

Amendment of section 30 (curriculum) of Principal Act
4. Section 30 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (b):

“(ba) shall require that health education, including relationships and sex education, is provided by schools solely in accordance with the curriculum prescribed under subsection (1).”.

Amendment of section 41 (objects and functions) of Principal Act
5. Section 41 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (2)(a) by substituting “, in particular health education, including relationships and sex education which shall be reviewed at least once every 5 years, and to advise the Minister” for “and to advise the Minister”.

Short title, collective citation and commencement
6. (1) This Act may be cited as Education (Health, Relationships and Sex Education) Act 2021.

(2) This Act and the Education Acts 1878 to 2015 may be cited together as the Education Acts 1878 to 2021.

(3) This Act comes into operation 9 months after the date of its passing or on such earlier date than the said 9 months as the Minister for Education may by order appoint.
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Acht do leasú an Achta Oideachais, 1998 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

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*An Teachta Gearóid Mac Fhionnáin thug isteach, 16 Samhain, 2021*

*Introduced by Deputy Gary Gannon, 16th November, 2021*