Pro-Life Utah

SUPPORTED LEGISLATION

HB 315

Human Growth & Development Instruction

Rep. Nicholeen Peck

WHAT THE BILL DOES

- Requires schools to show **medically accurate, physician-endorsed fetal development materials**, showing stages of development from fertilization to birth to students in middle and high school.
- Just as the Legislature recently set statewide standards for who may provide sex education instruction, **this bill sets clear, consistent standards** for what students learn about human development.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Many students receive health instruction with little or no visual context for prenatal development. Providing medically accurate materials helps students better understand how human life forms and grows.
- **Clear, science-based instruction supports healthy decision-making, personal responsibility, and respect for human life.**

PLEASE SUPPORT

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Medical Endorsements

PHYSICIAN SUPPORT FOR MEDICALLY ACCURATE INSTRUCTION

The fetal development materials permitted under HB 315—including the Baby Olivia video—have been reviewed and endorsed by licensed physicians. These doctors affirm that the content accurately reflects established medical science regarding human development before birth.

ENDORSING PHYSICIANS

"As a board certified OB-GYN, I affirm that this video accurately represents the scientific milestones of fetal development throughout gestation, based on dating from the moment of fertilization. This information would provide students with clear insight into how a fetus grows and develops, thereby promoting an informed understanding of human biology and prenatal health."

— Dr.Seth Minton, DO

"I do believe as an OB/Gyn and MD that the information depicted is essentially accurate and appropriate for the students to view."

— Dr. Mark T. Saunders, MD

"My name is Richard Ott MD. I have been an OB/Gyn for 32 years. Olivia's video was forwarded to me and I viewed it. I do not see any issue with the medical information. It accurately described the embryonic and fetal development. The movements the baby has as it develops is real. It may or may not be "play" but they do have neuromuscular development. "Play" is much easier for the lay person to understand than "neuromuscular development" This video would be entirely appropriate for school age children"

— Dr. Richard Ott, MD

"The Olivia video portrays intrauterine development in adequate accuracy to to used as a teaching tool for student instruction."

— Dr. Teresa Durbin, MD

"I have reviewed "Baby Olivia" video and can report with confidence that this is a very accurate depiction of fertilization, embryonic and fetal development. The early development and cell formation and progression to development of a fetus, as noted in this video, is scientifically accurate and consistent with what is known today about fetal development."

— Dr. Stephen Devenport, MD

"Olivia is a spectacular and medically accurate portrayal of the development of a baby girl within the womb. It is based on information from the Endowment for Human Development, a highly respected scientific source on embryology and fetal development. Olivia draws back the curtain on the womb giving us a realistic glimpse of the baby within. As a retired OB/GYN, I wish this had been available for my patients."

— Dr. Kathi Aultman, MD, FACOG