

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Date: March 24, 1998 Revised: _____

Subject: Study of Hispanic Contributions/Instructional Materials

	<u>Analyst</u>	<u>Staff Director</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	Chasteen	O'Farrell	ED	Favorable/CS
2.	_____	_____	WM	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

This committee substitute requires that instruction in public schools include the study of Hispanic contributions and women's contributions to the United States.

The effective date of the bill is July 1 of the year in which it is enacted.

This bill amends s. 233.061 Florida Statutes (F.S.).

II. Present Situation:

Required Instruction

Section 233.061, F.S., requires that each school district provide instruction in reading and other language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign languages, health and physical education, and the arts. Specific instruction in the following is mandatory: the Declaration of Independence; arguments in favor of a Republican form of government, as addressed in certain Federalist Papers; the U.S. Constitution and its relation to government structure; flag education, including proper display and salute; the elements of civil government, including the functions and interrelationships between the Federal Government, the state, and its counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts; the history of the Holocaust; the history of African Americans; elementary principles of agriculture; the effects of alcohol and narcotics upon the body and the mind; kindness to animals; state history; conservation of natural resources; comprehensive health education; and additional materials, subjects, courses, or fields as prescribed by law or rule.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The committee substitute requires that instruction in public schools include the study of Hispanic contributions and women's contributions to the United States.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

School districts will be required to add the contributions by Hispanics and women to the United States to existing curricula. According to DOE, the cost of augmenting existing instructional plans to accommodate this requirement would be minimal since textbooks and other instructional materials already contain the information.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
