

By the Committee on Education and Senator Gutman

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to courses of study and  
instructional materials; amending s. 233.061,  
F.S.; including the study of Hispanic  
contributions and women's contributions to the  
the United States in required public school  
instruction; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraphs (o) and (p) are added to  
subsection (2) of section 233.061, Florida Statutes, to read:

233.061 Required instruction.--

(2) Members of the instructional staff of the public  
schools, subject to the rules and regulations of the  
commissioner, the state board, and the school board, shall  
teach efficiently and faithfully, using the books and  
materials required, following the prescribed courses of study,  
and employing approved methods of instruction, the following:

(o) The study of Hispanic contributions to the United  
States.

(p) The study of women's contributions to the United  
States.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SB 1142

The Committee Substitute differs from SB 1142 as follows:  
School curricula must include the contribution of women to the United States.  
Authorization for school districts to use their entire annual instructional materials allocation to buy materials not on the state-adopted list, and to negotiate directly with textbook companies, is removed.