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See HB 471

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to minority history; amending
3 s. 233.061, F.S.; revising provisions relating
4 to authorized instruction regarding the history
5 of African Americans; amending s. 233.09, F.S.,
6 relating to duties of state instructional
7 materials committees; requiring instructional
8 materials recommended for adoption to include
9 historical data related to the contributions of
10 African Americans, Hispanics, and women;
11 amending s. 233.34, F.S.; prohibiting funds
12 from the instructional materials allocation
13 from being used for the purchase of
14 instructional materials not on the
15 state-adopted list which do not include
16 historical data related to the contributions of
17 African Americans, Hispanics, and women;
18 providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
23 233.061, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to
24 read:

25 233.061 Required instruction.--

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

1 (g) The history of African Americans, including the
2 history of African culture prior to the European
3 implementation ~~peoples before the political conflicts that led~~
4 ~~to the development~~ of slavery, the passage to America, the
5 dehumanizing effects of the enslavement experience, abolition,
6 and the unique contributions of African Americans to society.
7 Curriculum relating to the history of African Americans must
8 be designed to lead to an investigation of human behavior, the
9 negative consequences resulting from racial hatred, encourage
10 tolerance of different races and cultures, and to promote
11 racial equity and pride.

12 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
13 233.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 233.09 Duties of each state instructional materials
15 committee.--The duties of each state instructional materials
16 committee shall be:

17 (4) EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.--To
18 evaluate carefully all instructional materials submitted, to
19 ascertain which instructional materials, if any, submitted for
20 consideration best implement the selection criteria developed
21 by the Commissioner of Education and those curricular
22 objectives included within applicable performance standards
23 provided for in s. 229.565.

24 (d) When recommending instructional materials for use
25 in the schools, each committee shall require, when appropriate
26 to the comprehension of pupils, that materials for social
27 science, history, or civics classes contain the Declaration of
28 Independence and the Constitution of the United States.
29 Effective July 1, 2002 and thereafter, instructional materials
30 recommended for adoption for subjects including, but not
31 limited to, science, math, history, and health must include

1 historical data related to the contributions of African
2 Americans, Hispanics, and women.No instructional materials
3 shall be recommended by any committee for use in the schools
4 which contain any matter reflecting unfairly upon persons
5 because of their race, color, creed, national origin,
6 ancestry, gender, or occupation.

7 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 233.34, Florida
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 233.34 Use of instructional materials allocation;
10 instructional materials, library books, and reference books;
11 repair of books.--

12 (2) Each school district shall use the annual
13 allocation for the purchase of instructional materials
14 included on the state-adopted list. No less than 50 percent
15 of the annual allocation shall be used to purchase items which
16 will be used to provide instruction to students at the level
17 or levels for which the materials are designed. However, up
18 to 50 percent of the annual allocation may be used for the
19 purchase of instructional materials, including library and
20 reference books and nonprint materials, not included on the
21 state-adopted list and for the repair and renovation of
22 textbooks and library books. However, such funds may not be
23 used for the purchase of instructional materials for subjects
24 including, but not limited to, science, math, history, and
25 health which do not include historical data related to the
26 contributions of African Americans, Hispanics, and women.

27 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, school
28 districts may use 100 percent of that portion of the annual
29 allocation which is designated by the district for the
30 purchase of instructional materials for kindergarten, and 75
31 percent of that portion of the annual allocation which is

1 designated for the purchase of instructional materials for
2 first grade, to purchase materials not on the state-adopted
3 list.

4 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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7 HOUSE SUMMARY

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9 Revises provisions relating to authorized instruction
10 regarding the history of African Americans. Requires
11 instructional materials recommended for adoption to
12 include historical data related to the contributions of
13 African Americans, Hispanics, and women. Prohibits funds
from the instructional materials allocation from being
used for the purchase of instructional materials not on
the state-adopted list which do not include historical
data related to the contributions of African Americans,
Hispanics, and women.

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