

By Senator Miller

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to public school instruction;  
amending s. 233.061, F.S., relating to required  
instruction; providing further requirements  
pertaining to instruction in African-American  
history; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section  
233.061, Florida Statutes, is amended 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:

(g) The history of African Americans, including the  
history of African peoples before the political conflicts that  
led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the  
enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of  
African Americans to society. This course is to be a  
one-semester class taught at the 9th-grade level, and  
successful completion of the course is a requirement for high  
school graduation.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that the instruction in African-American history which is currently required in public schools is to be a one-semester course taught at the 9th-grade level and that successful completion of the course is a prerequisite for graduating from high school.