

By the Committee on Education; and Senators Geller, Fasano and Saunders

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to social studies instruction;
requiring the Department of Education to
conduct a study; requiring recommendations for
policy changes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. By January 15, 2005, the Department of Education shall conduct a study to determine the status of social studies instruction in public schools and social science instruction in community colleges and state universities. The study shall include:

(1) An analysis that documents compliance by each school district with the social studies instruction as required in section 1003.42, Florida Statutes.

(2) An analysis that examines the extent to which the social science component of the general education requirements of each community college and state university includes civics instruction.

(3) Information on standards adopted by the State Board of Education related to social studies instruction.

(4) Any recommendations for policy changes relating to the study required in subsections (1)-(3).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 426

The committee substitute replaces the contents of the bill with a study by the Department of Education to determine the status of social studies instruction in public schools and social science instruction in community colleges and state universities. The committee substitute specifies the contents of the study.