

1   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to educational instruction; requiring a  
 3           study by the Department of Education relating to social  
 4           studies instruction in public schools and social science  
 5           instruction in community colleges and state universities;  
 6           requiring submission of findings and recommendations to  
 7           the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. The Department of Education shall conduct a  
 12 study to determine the status of social studies instruction in  
 13 public schools and social science instruction in community  
 14 colleges and state universities. The study shall include:

15           (1) An analysis that documents compliance by each school  
 16 district with the social studies instruction required in s.  
 17 1003.42, Florida Statutes.

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

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

24           (4) Any recommendations for policy changes relating to the  
 25 study required in this section.

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27 | The Department of Education shall submit findings and  
28 | recommendations of the study to the Legislature by January 15,  
29 | 2005.

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