

CS/HB 1483

2008

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to evolutionary theory; amending s.
3 1003.42; requiring public school instruction in, and the
4 critical analysis of, the scientific theory of evolution;
5 providing an effective date.

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

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9 Section 1. Paragraph (u) is added to subsection (2) of
10 section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

11 1003.42 Required instruction.--

12 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
13 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
14 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
15 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
16 highest standards for professionalism and historic accuracy,
17 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
18 approved methods of instruction, the following:

19 (u) A thorough presentation and critical analysis of the
20 scientific theory of evolution.

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22 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
23 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.