

Bill No. SB 856



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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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1 The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
 2 (Haridopolos) recommended the following **amendment:**

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

5 Delete everything after the enacting clause
6 and insert:

8 Section 1. Section 1003.4205, Florida Statutes, is created
9 to read:

10 1003.4205 Disability history and awareness instruction.--

11 (1) Each district school board may provide disability
 12 history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools in
 13 the district during the first 2 weeks in October each year. The
 14 district school board may designate these 2 weeks as "Disability
 15 History and Awareness Weeks."

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16 (2) (a) During this 2-week period, students may be provided
17 intensive instruction to expand their knowledge, understanding,
18 and awareness of individuals with disabilities, the history of
19 disability, and the disability rights movement. Disability
20 history may include the events and timelines of the development
21 and evolution of services to, and the civil rights of,
22 individuals with disabilities. Disability history may also
23 include the contributions of specific individuals with
24 disabilities, including the contributions of acknowledged
25 national leaders.

26 (b) The instruction may be integrated into the existing
27 school curriculum in ways including, but not limited to,
28 supplementing lesson plans, holding school assemblies, or
29 providing other school-related activities. The instruction may
30 be delivered by qualified school personnel or by knowledgeable
31 guest speakers, with a particular focus on including individuals
32 with disabilities.

33 (3) The goals of disability history and awareness
34 instruction include:

35 (a) Better treatment for individuals with disabilities,
36 especially for youth in school, and increased attention to
37 preventing the bullying or harassment of students with
38 disabilities.

39 (b) Encouragement to individuals with disabilities to
40 develop increased self-esteem, resulting in more individuals
41 with disabilities gaining pride in being an individual with a
42 disability, obtaining postsecondary education, entering the
43 workforce, and contributing to their communities.



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44 (c) Reaffirmation of the local, state, and federal
45 commitment to the full inclusion in society of, and the equal
46 opportunity for, all individuals with disabilities.

47 Section 2. State postsecondary institutions are encouraged
48 to conduct and promote activities on their campuses that provide
49 education, understanding, and awareness of individuals with
50 disabilities, disability history, and the disability rights
51 movement.

52 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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54 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

55 And the title is amended as follows:

56 Delete everything before the enacting clause
57 and insert:

58 A bill to be entitled
59 An act relating to disability history and awareness;
60 creating s. 1003.4205, F.S.; authorizing district school
61 boards to designate "Disability History and Awareness
62 Weeks" during the first 2 weeks in October each year;
63 providing for students in all K-12 public schools to be
64 provided disability history and awareness instruction;
65 providing the content and goals of such instruction;
66 encouraging state postsecondary institutions to conduct
67 and promote activities related to disability history and
68 awareness; providing an effective date.