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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public school instruction; amending
3 s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring that instructional staff
4 of public schools provide instruction to students
5 about the terrorist attacks occurring on September 11,
6 2001, and the impact of those events; providing an
7 effective date.

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9 WHEREAS, former Representative Clay Ford, Jr., who lost his
10 battle with cancer during the 2013 Legislative Session, served
11 his country in the United States Army as an infantry officer in
12 a number of assignments ranging from Germany to the Pentagon,
13 retiring as a full colonel, and

14 WHEREAS, in 1975, Representative Clay Ford, Jr., served as
15 a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives, and, in
16 February 2007, he was elected as a member of the Florida House
17 of Representatives and reelected in 2008, and

18 WHEREAS, as a member of the Florida House of
19 Representatives, Representative Clay Ford, Jr., had a passion
20 for education and served on many committees, including the PreK-
21 12 Policy Committee, and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Clay Ford, Jr., was a member of
23 many organizations, including the Arkansas Bar Association and
24 The Florida Bar as an attorney, the Military Officers
25 Association of America, and the National Rifle Association, and

26 WHEREAS, this act honors Representative Clay Ford, Jr.'s
27 legacy of service to this country and his passion for education
28 and the military, NOW, THEREFORE,
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30 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

34 1003.42 Required instruction.—

35 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
36 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
37 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
38 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
39 highest standards for professionalism and historic accuracy,
40 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
41 approved methods of instruction, the following:

42 (u) The events surrounding the terrorist attacks occurring
43 on September 11, 2001, and the impact of those events on the
44 nation.

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

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.