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2 An act relating to educational instruction of
3 historical events; directing the Commissioner of
4 Education's African American History Task Force to
5 determine ways in which the 1920 Ocoee Election Day
6 Riots will be included in required instruction on
7 African-American history; requiring the task force to
8 submit recommendations to the commissioner and the
9 State Board of Education by a specified date;
10 directing the Secretary of State to take certain
11 action regarding the inclusion of the history of the
12 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots in museum exhibits;
13 directing the Secretary of Environmental Protection to
14 assess naming opportunities for state parks, or a
15 portion of a facility therein, in recognizing victims
16 of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots; authorizing the
17 secretary to appoint a committee to assist in
18 assessing naming opportunities; requiring the
19 secretary to submit recommendations to the Legislature
20 under specified circumstances; encouraging district
21 school boards to assess naming opportunities for
22 naming school facilities in recognition of victims of
23 the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots; amending s.
24 1003.42, F.S.; including certain instruction related
25 to anti-Semitism in the required instruction relating

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26 to the Holocaust; providing school district and
 27 Department of Education requirements relating to such
 28 instruction; authorizing the department to seek input
 29 from certain entities for specified purposes relating
 30 to such instruction; authorizing the department to
 31 contract with specified entities to develop specified
 32 training and resources relating to such instruction;
 33 designating a certain week as "Holocaust Education
 34 Week;" providing an effective date.

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

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38 Section 1. The Commissioner of Education's African
 39 American History Task Force is directed to examine ways in which
 40 the history of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots will be
 41 included in instruction on African-American history required
 42 pursuant to s. 1003.42(2)(h), Florida Statutes. The task force
 43 shall submit its recommendations to the Commissioner of
 44 Education and the State Board of Education by March 1, 2021.

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46 Section 2. The Secretary of State is directed to:
 47 (1) In coordination with the Division of Cultural Affairs
 48 of the Department of State, determine how the Museum of Florida
 49 History and other state museums will promote the history of the
 50 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots through exhibits and educational
programs.

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51 (2) Collaborate with the National Museum of African
52 American History and Culture of the Smithsonian Institution to
53 seek inclusion of the history of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day
54 Riots in the museum's exhibits.

55 Section 3. The Secretary of Environmental Protection is
56 directed to determine which state park, or a portion of or a
57 facility therein, will be named in recognition of any victim of
58 the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots. The secretary may appoint a
59 committee to assess naming opportunities. If a change to state
60 law is required in order to change the designation of a state
61 park, or a portion of or a facility therein, the secretary shall
62 submit any such recommendation to the President of the Senate
63 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

64 Section 4. District school boards are encouraged to assess
65 opportunities for naming school facilities in recognition of
66 victims of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots.

67 Section 5. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
68 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

69 1003.42 Required instruction.—

70 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
71 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
72 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
73 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
74 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
75 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing

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76 | approved methods of instruction, the following:

77 | (g)1. The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the
78 | systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other
79 | groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of
80 | humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an
81 | investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the
82 | ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an
83 | examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful
84 | person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity
85 | in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting
86 | democratic values and institutions, including the policy,
87 | definition, and historical and current examples of anti-
88 | Semitism, as described in s. 1000.05(7), and the prevention of
89 | anti-Semitism. Each school district must annually certify and
90 | provide evidence to the department, in a manner prescribed by
91 | the department, that the requirements of this paragraph are met.
92 | The department shall prepare and offer standards and curriculum
93 | for the instruction required by this paragraph and may seek
94 | input from the Commissioner of Education's Task Force on
95 | Holocaust Education or from any state or nationally recognized
96 | Holocaust educational organizations. The department may contract
97 | with any state or nationally recognized Holocaust educational
98 | organizations to develop training for instructional personnel
99 | and grade-appropriate classroom resources to support the
100 | developed curriculum.

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101 2. The second week in November shall be designated as
102 "Holocaust Education Week" in this state in recognition that
103 November is the anniversary of Kristallnacht, widely recognized
104 as a precipitating event that led to the Holocaust.

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106 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
107 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
108 character development program that incorporates the values of
109 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
110 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
111 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
112 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

113 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.