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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations  
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Education)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Holocaust education; amending s.  
1003.42, F.S.; including the study of a specified  
policy against anti-Semitism in specified instruction;  
requiring each school district to annually certify and  
provide evidence to the department that certain  
instructional requirements have been met; authorizing  
the department to work with a certain task force for  
specified purposes; designating the second week in  
November as Holocaust Education Week; requiring the  
Department of Education to rank school districts based  
on the efficacy of their Holocaust curriculum and  
instruction; requiring the department to publish those  
rankings; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section  
1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.42 Required instruction.—

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



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28 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the  
29 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other  
30 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of  
31 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an  
32 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the  
33 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an  
34 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful  
35 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity  
36 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting  
37 democratic values and institutions, including the policy against  
38 anti-Semitism, as described in s. 1000.05(7). Each school  
39 district must annually certify and provide evidence to the  
40 department, in a manner prescribed by the department, that the  
41 requirements of this paragraph are met. The department may use  
42 the State of Florida Resource Manuals on Holocaust Education or  
43 may develop such alternative or additional curricula as deemed  
44 appropriate by the department. The department may work with the  
45 Commissioner of Education's Task Force on Holocaust Education to  
46 develop grade-appropriate curricula, training for instructional  
47 personnel, and classroom resources for the instruction required  
48 by this paragraph. The second week in November shall be  
49 designated as Holocaust Education Week, in recognition that  
50 November is the anniversary of Kristallnacht, widely recognized  
51 as a precipitating event that led to the Holocaust. The  
52 Commissioner of Education's Task Force on Holocaust Education  
53 shall rank yearly all school districts based on the efficacy of  
54 their Holocaust curriculum and instruction. The rankings shall  
55 be published yearly by the Department of Education and made  
56 available to the public.



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

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.