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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
02/10/2020	.	
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The Committee on Education (Book) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

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



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12 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,  
13 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing  
14 approved methods of instruction, the following:

15 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the  
16 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other  
17 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of  
18 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an  
19 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the  
20 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an  
21 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful  
22 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity  
23 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting  
24 democratic values and institutions, including the policy against  
25 anti-Semitism, as described in s. 1000.05(7). Each school  
26 district and charter school must annually certify and provide  
27 evidence to the department, in a manner prescribed by the  
28 department, that the requirements of this paragraph are met. The  
29 department shall prepare and offer curriculum standards for the  
30 instruction required by this paragraph and may work with the  
31 Florida Holocaust Museum and other state or nationally  
32 recognized Holocaust educational organizations to develop grade-  
33 appropriate curricula, training for instructional personnel, and  
34 classroom resources for the instruction required by this  
35 paragraph.

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37 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards  
38 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A  
39 character development program that incorporates the values of  
40 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is



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41 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
42 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness  
43 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

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

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47 And the title is amended as follows:

48 Delete everything before the enacting clause

49 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to Holocaust education; amending s.

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1003.42, F.S.; including the study of a specified

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policy against anti-Semitism in specified instruction;

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providing school district, charter school, and

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Department of Education requirements relating to such

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instruction; authorizing the department to work with

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certain Holocaust educational organizations for

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specified purposes relating to the required

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instruction; providing an effective date.