

By Senator Polsky

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to required instruction; amending s.  
3       1003.42, F.S.; requiring that instruction on  
4       information literacy be taught in public schools;  
5       defining the term "information literacy"; providing a  
6       requirement for the development of curriculum;  
7       providing an effective date.

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

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

13       1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

21       (u)1. Information literacy. For purposes of this  
22       subsection, the term "information literacy" means the skill set  
23       that allows a student to recognize that more information is  
24       needed, where that information may be located, and how that  
25       information may be effectively applied. The term includes, but  
26       is not limited to, digital, visual, media, and technological  
27       literacy.

28       2. Each school's library media specialist must be included  
29       in the development of the curriculum.

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31 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards  
32 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.  
33 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the  
34 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is  
35 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
36 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness  
37 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (t).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.