

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to required instruction in the history
 3 of Communism; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; beginning in
 4 a specified school year, requiring students to receive
 5 instruction on the history of Communism; providing
 6 requirements for such instruction; requiring school
 7 districts to annually certify and provide evidence to
 8 the Department of Education that certain requirements
 9 are met; requiring the department to prepare and offer
 10 standards and curriculum for such instruction;
 11 providing requirements for the standards and
 12 curriculum; creating the Communism Education Task
 13 Force adjunct to the department; providing the purpose
 14 of task force; providing for membership of the task
 15 force; providing duties of the task force; requiring
 16 the task force to submit a report to the Governor,
 17 Legislature, and department by a specified date;
 18 providing for the future expiration of the task force;
 19 providing an effective date.

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

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 23 Section 1. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (2) of
 24 section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

25 1003.42 Required instruction.—

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

33 (v)1. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, the History
34 of Communism. Such instruction must be age appropriate and
35 developmentally appropriate and include:

36 a. The history of Communism in the United States and
37 domestic Communist movements, including their histories and
38 tactics.

39 b. Atrocities committed in foreign countries under the
40 guidance of Communism.

41 c. The philosophy and lineages of Communist thought,
42 including cultural Marxism.

43 d. The increasing threat of Communism in the United States
44 and our allies through the 20th Century, including the events of
45 the Cultural Revolution in the People's Republic of China and
46 other mass killings from Communist regimes.

47 e. The economic, industrial, and political events that
48 have preceded and anticipated Communist revolutions.

49 f. The Communist policies of Cuba and the spread of
50 Communist ideologies throughout Latin America, including the

51 roots of the Communist Party of Cuba and guerilla forces
52 throughout Latin America.

53 2. Each school district must annually certify and provide
54 evidence to the department, in a manner prescribed by the
55 department, that the requirements of this paragraph are met.

56 3. The department shall prepare and offer standards and
57 curriculum for the instruction required by this paragraph, based
58 upon the curriculum and standards recommended from the Communism
59 Education Task Force.

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61 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
62 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.
63 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the
64 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
65 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
66 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
67 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (u).

68 Section 2. (1) The Communism Education Task Force, a task
69 force as defined in s. 20.03(5), Florida Statutes, is created
70 adjunct to the Department of Education to create a curriculum
71 and academic standards for required instruction in the history
72 of Communism under s. 1003.42(2)(v), Florida Statutes, and
73 provide recommendations and instructional materials for such
74 instruction. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
75 task force shall operate in a manner consistent with s. 20.052,

76 Florida Statutes.

77 (2) The Governor shall appoint members to the task force
 78 by August 1, 2024. The Governor shall appoint a chair to the
 79 task force.

80 (3) The task force shall:

81 (a) Recommend to the department curriculum and academic
 82 standards for instruction in the history of Communism required
 83 under s. 1003.42(2)(v).

84 (b) Recommend instructional materials for instruction in
 85 the history of Communism required under s. 1003.42(2)(v).

86 (c) Recommend partnerships with other organizations for
 87 instruction in the history of Communism.

88 (d) Recommend if the Legislature should create a Florida
 89 Museum of Communist History.

90 (4) No later than July 1, 2025, the task force shall
 91 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
 92 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
 93 of Representatives, and the Department of Education. Upon
 94 submission of the report, the task force shall expire.

95 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.