

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

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

48 f. The Communist policies of Cuba and the spread of
49 Communist ideologies throughout Latin America, including the
50 roots of the Communist Party of Cuba and guerilla forces

51 throughout Latin America.

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

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

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

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

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

79 (3) The task force shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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