

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to disability history and awareness
3 instruction; providing a short title; amending s.
4 1003.4205, F.S.; requiring that disability history and
5 awareness instruction include specified material;
6 authorizing the Department of Education to consult
7 with a specified entity to further develop certain
8 material; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Evin B. Hartsell
13 Act."

14 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
15 1003.4205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1003.4205 Disability history and awareness instruction.—

17 (2)(a) During this 2-week period, students may be provided
18 intensive instruction to expand their knowledge, understanding,
19 and awareness of individuals with disabilities, the history of
20 disability, and the disability rights movement. Disability
21 history may include the events and timelines of the development
22 and evolution of services to, and the civil rights of,
23 individuals with disabilities. Disability history may also
24 include the contributions of specific individuals with
25 disabilities, including the contributions of acknowledged

26 national leaders. The instruction must include the following
27 material:

28 1. For kindergarten through grade 3:

29 a. Conversations on bullying. Such conversations may
30 address what students should do if they are being bullied; what
31 they should do if they see someone being bullied; why bullying
32 is not the victim's fault; what different types of bullying look
33 like; the possibility that a friend could be a bully; or the
34 school's antibullying policy.

35 b. Activities to teach about physical disabilities.

36 2. For grades 4 through 6, information about autism
37 spectrum disorder.

38 3. For grades 7 through 9, information about hearing
39 impairments.

40 4. For grades 10 through 12, information on different
41 types of learning and intellectual disabilities.

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43 The Department of Education may consult with the Evin B.
44 Hartsell Foundation to further develop the material required
45 under subparagraphs 1.-4.

46 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.