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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

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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.