

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senators Collins and Burgess

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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 the Department of Education  
5 to develop specified curricula; authorizing the  
6 department to consult with the Evin B. Hartsell  
7 Foundation to further develop such curricula;  
8 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.

27 1. The Department of Education shall develop the following  
28 curricula for the grade levels specified:

29 a. For kindergarten through grade 3, an introduction to

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30 physical disabilities and bullying.

31 b. For grades 4 through 6, autism spectrum disorder.

32 c. For grades 7 through 9, hearing impairments.

33 d. For grades 10 through 12, learning styles and  
34 intellectual disabilities.

35 2. The department may consult with the Evin B. Hartsell  
36 Foundation to further develop the curricula in subparagraph 1.

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