



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
01/26/2026	.	
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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Massullo) recommended the following:

1                   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3                   Delete everything after the enacting clause  
4 and insert:

5                   Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Recognizing Judea  
6 and Samaria Act."

7                   Section 2. Section 1.016, Florida Statutes, is created to  
8 read:

9                   1.016 Recognizing Judea and Samaria.—

10                   (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—It is the intent of the Legislature



11 to:

12       (a) Refer to the land liberated by Israel from Jordan  
13 during the 1967 Six-Day War by its historical name of "Judea and  
14 Samaria," with the land south of Jerusalem being considered  
15 "Judea" and the land north of Jerusalem being considered  
16 "Samaria."

17       (b) No longer use the term "West Bank" in official  
18 government materials.

19       (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this act, the term:

20       (a) "Official government material" means a guidance, rule,  
21 material, briefing, press release, communication, or work  
22 product document prepared by a state agency.

23       (b) "State agency" means every department, division,  
24 office, board, commission, and institution of this state.

25       (3) PROHIBITIONS.—A state agency may not use the term "West  
26 Bank" to refer to Judea and Samaria in an official government  
27 material or use moneys to create an official government material  
28 that refers to Judea and Samaria as "West Bank."

29       Section 3. Instructional materials, as defined in s.  
30 1006.28(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and library media center  
31 collections that are adopted on or after July 1, 2026, by a  
32 district school board or charter school governing board must  
33 refer to the land liberated by Israel from Jordan during the  
34 1967 Six-Day War by its historical name of "Judea and Samaria,"  
35 with the land south of Jerusalem being considered "Judea" and  
36 the land north of Jerusalem being considered "Samaria." Such  
37 materials and collections adopted on or after July 1, 2026, by a  
38 district school board or charter school governing board may not  
39 use the term "West Bank" to refer to Judea and Samaria.



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40           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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42 ===== T I T L E    A M E N D M E N T =====

43 And the title is amended as follows:

44           Delete everything before the enacting clause  
45 and insert:

46                           A bill to be entitled

47                           An act relating to recognizing Judea and Samaria;  
48                           providing a short title; creating s. 1.016, F.S.;  
49                           providing legislative intent; defining terms;  
50                           prohibiting state agencies from using the term "West  
51                           Bank" in official government materials; prohibiting  
52                           state agencies from using moneys to create official  
53                           government materials using such term; requiring  
54                           instructional materials and library media center  
55                           collections adopted by certain entities on or after a  
56                           specified date to refer to a certain area as Judea and  
57                           Samaria; prohibiting instructional materials and  
58                           library media center collections adopted by certain  
59                           entities on or after a specified date from using the  
60                           term "West Bank"; providing an effective date.