

**By** the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Massullo

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A bill to be entitled

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

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

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

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

## 1.016 Recognizing Judea and Samaria.-

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

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

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30       "Samaria."31       (b) No longer use the term "West Bank" in official  
32       government materials.33       (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this act, the term:34       (a) "Official government material" means a guidance, rule,  
35       material, briefing, press release, communication, or work  
36       product document prepared by a state agency.37       (b) "State agency" means every department, division,  
38       office, board, commission, and institution of this state.39       (3) PROHIBITIONS.—A state agency may not use the term "West  
40       Bank" to refer to Judea and Samaria in an official government  
41       material or use moneys to create an official government material  
42       that refers to Judea and Samaria as "West Bank."43       Section 3. Instructional materials, as defined in s.  
44       1006.28(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and library media center  
45       collections that are adopted on or after July 1, 2026, by a  
46       district school board or charter school governing board must  
47       refer to the land liberated by Israel from Jordan during the  
48       1967 Six-Day War by its historical name of "Judea and Samaria,"  
49       with the land south of Jerusalem being considered "Judea" and  
50       the land north of Jerusalem being considered "Samaria." Such  
51       materials and collections adopted on or after July 1, 2026, by a  
52       district school board or charter school governing board may not  
53       use the term "West Bank" to refer to Judea and Samaria.

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