

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
to:

(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.