

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Snyder offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 23 and 24, insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (w) is added to subsection (2) of section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

1003.42 Required instruction.—

(2) Members of the instructional staff of the public schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,

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13 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
14 approved methods of instruction, the following:

15 (w)1. For students in grades 2 through 5, the study of
16 cursive writing and the development of the skills necessary for
17 legible cursive writing, including:

18 a. Letter formation.

19 b. Proper spacing and alignment.

20 c. Practice in writing complete words and sentences in
21 cursive.

22 2. By the end of grade 5, each student must demonstrate
23 proficiency in cursive writing through an evaluation of written
24 work. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "proficiency
25 in cursive writing" means all of the following:

26 a. The ability to write uppercase and lowercase letters of
27 the alphabet in cursive writing.

28 b. Writing words and sentences in cursive legibly and
29 maintaining proper spacing and alignment.

30 c. The ability to read and apply cursive writing in a
31 manner that supports literacy development, including writing
32 essays and assignments in cursive writing in accordance with
33 state academic standards.

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35 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
36 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.

37 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the

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38 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
39 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
40 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
41 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (u).

42 **Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 1003.44, Florida**
43 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

44 1003.44 Patriotic programs; rules.—

45 (4) Each district school board shall adopt rules to
46 require: ~~in all of the schools of the district and in each~~
47 ~~building used by the district school board,~~

48 (a) The display of the state motto, "In God We Trust,"
49 designated under s. 15.0301, in a conspicuous place at each
50 public school in the district and in each building used by the
51 district school board.

52 (b) Subject to legislative appropriation, the display of
53 portraits of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in a
54 conspicuous place at each public school in the district. The
55 Department of Education shall select the portraits and make them
56 available to each school district.

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59 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

60 Remove lines 2-3 and insert:

61 An act relating to education; amending s. 1003.42,
62 F.S.; requiring students in specified grades to

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63 receive instruction in cursive writing; providing
64 requirements for such instruction; requiring students
65 to demonstrate proficiency in cursive writing by the
66 end of a specified grade; defining the term
67 "proficiency in cursive writing"; amending s. 1003.44,
68 F.S.; requiring, subject to legislative appropriation,
69 each district school board to adopt rules to require
70 the display of portraits of George Washington and
71 Abraham Lincoln at each public school in the district;
72 requiring the Department of Education to select the
73 portraits and make them available to each school
74 district; creating s. 1012.988, F.S.;

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