

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to recognizing Judea and Samaria;
3 providing a short title; creating s. 1.016, F.S.;
4 providing legislative intent; defining the terms
5 "official government material" and "state agency";
6 prohibiting the use of the term "West Bank" in
7 official government materials; prohibiting the use of
8 moneys to create official government materials using
9 such term; requiring instructional materials and
10 library media center collections adopted or acquired
11 by certain entities on or after a specified date to
12 refer to a certain area as Judea and Samaria;
13 prohibiting instructional materials and library media
14 center collections adopted or acquired by certain
15 entities on or after a specified date from using the
16 term "West Bank"; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

24 1.016 Recognizing Judea and Samaria.—

25 (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 "Samaria."

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3. Instructional materials, as defined in s. 1006.28(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and library media center collections that are adopted or acquired on or after July 1, 2026, by a district school board or charter school governing board must refer to the land liberated by Israel from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War by its historical name of "Judea and

51 Samaria," with the land south of Jerusalem being considered
52 "Judea" and the land north of Jerusalem being considered
53 "Samaria." Such materials and collections adopted or acquired on
54 or after July 1, 2026, by a district school board or charter
55 school governing board may not use the term "West Bank" to refer
56 to Judea and Samaria.

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