

Committee on Education

CS/HB 807 — Civics Education

by Education Committee and Rep. Aloupis and others (CS/SB 1480 by Education Committee and Senator Stargel)

The bill requires all instructional materials for the middle school civics education course be reviewed and approved by Commissioner of Education (commissioner) in consultation with civics organizations and stakeholders. Any errors and inaccuracies in state-adopted civics instructional materials, identified by the commissioner, must be corrected pursuant to current statutory procedures.

The bill requires the commissioner to review the current state-adopted civics course materials and the civics statewide end-of-course assessment and make recommendations for improvements by December 31, 2019. The Department of Education must complete a review of civics education course standards by December 31, 2020.

The bill also specifies the hours a high school student devotes to specified education initiatives, or other similar programs approved by the commissioner, must count towards the service work requirement for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2019.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 111-1