

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Education

CS/HB 395 — “Victims of Communism Day”

by Education and Employment Committee and Reps. Borrero, Rizo, and others (CS/SB 268 by Appropriations Committee and Senator Diaz)

The bill requires the Governor to proclaim November 7 of each year as “Victims of Communism Day.” The bill calls for public schools to suitably observe such day as a day honoring the 100 million people who fell victim to communist regimes across the world.

Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, the bill requires high school students enrolled in the United States Government class required for a standard high school diploma to receive at least 45 minutes of instruction on “Victims of Communism Day” on topics related to communist regimes and how victims suffered under communist regimes. The State Board of Education is required by the bill to, by April 1, 2023, adopt revised social studies standards to include the new required instruction.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 115-0