

By Senator Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Holocaust education; amending s.
3 1003.42, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Education
4 to contract with the Florida Holocaust Museum for
5 specified purposes relating to required instruction;
6 providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section
11 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1003.42 Required instruction.—

13 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
14 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
15 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
16 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
17 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
18 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
19 approved methods of instruction, the following:

20 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the
21 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other
22 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of
23 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an
24 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the
25 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an
26 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful
27 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity
28 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting
29 democratic values and institutions. The department may contract

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30 with the Florida Holocaust Museum to develop instructional
31 materials for the instruction required by this paragraph.

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33 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
34 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
35 character development program that incorporates the values of
36 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
37 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
38 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
39 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.