

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BILL ANALYSIS

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BILL #: [CS/HB 549](#)

TITLE: Gulf of America

SPONSOR(S): Porras

COMPANION BILL: [CS/SB 1058](#) (Gruters)

LINKED BILLS: None

RELATED BILLS: None

Committee References

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SUMMARY

Effect of the Bill:

The bill requires state agencies to update geographic materials to reflect the new federal designation of the “Gulf of Mexico” as the “Gulf of America.” Moreover, public school and charter school instructional materials and library media center collections adopted on or after July 1, 2025, must reflect the new federal designation.

Fiscal or Economic Impact:

To the extent that a given state agency has any materials that may be rendered obsolete by the passage of the bill, additional costs and workload may be incurred by the agency related to the need to update such materials. However, any costs are likely insignificant.

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ANALYSIS

EFFECT OF THE BILL:

The bill requires each state agency to update their geographic materials to reflect [the new federal designation](#) of the “Gulf of Mexico” as the “Gulf of America.” (Section [1](#)).

Any [instructional materials](#) and library media center collections adopted or acquired by district school boards and charter school governing boards on or after July 1, 2025, must reflect the new designation. (Section [1](#)).

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2025. (Section [2](#)).

FISCAL OR ECONOMIC IMPACT:

STATE GOVERNMENT:

To the extent that a given state agency has any materials that may be rendered obsolete by the passage of the bill, additional costs and workload may be incurred by the agency related to the need to update such materials. However, any costs are likely insignificant.

RELEVANT INFORMATION

SUBJECT OVERVIEW:

[Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness](#)

On January 20, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order 14172, titled “Restoring Names that Honor American Greatness.”¹ The order restores the name “Mount McKinley” in place of “Mount Denali” and changes the name of the “Gulf of Mexico” to the “Gulf of America.” The Order directs the Secretary of the Interior to take all

¹ [Exec. Order No. 14172, 90 CFR 8629 \(2025\)](#).

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necessary steps to carry out these name changes.² The stated goal of the Order is to promote the extraordinary heritage of our Nation and ensure that future generations celebrate the legacy of American heroes and honor the contributions of visionary and patriotic Americans in our nation’s rich past.³

Instructional Materials

Each district school board has the constitutional duty and responsibility to select and provide adequate instructional materials for all students for core courses in mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, reading, and literature for kindergarten through grade 12.⁴ Instructional materials are items having intellectual content that by design serve as a major tool for assisting in the instruction of a subject or course.⁵ These items may be available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may consist of hardbacked or softbacked textbooks, electronic content, consumables, learning laboratories, manipulatives, electronic media, and computer courseware or software.⁶ A publisher may offer sections of state-adopted instructional materials in digital or electronic versions at reduced rates to districts, schools, and teachers.⁷ Publishers must make sample student editions of state-adopted instructional materials electronically available, at a discount below publisher cost, for use by teacher preparation programs⁸ and by educator preparation institutes⁹ for each adoption cycle, to enable educators to practice teaching with currently adopted instructional materials aligned to state academic standards.¹⁰

Generally, the Commissioner of Education (commissioner) adopts instructional materials according to a 5-year rotating schedule. The commissioner may approve a shorter schedule if the content area requires more frequent revision.¹¹ The DOE annually publishes an official schedule of subject areas calling for adoption for each of the succeeding two years and a tentative schedule for years three through five. Under extenuating circumstances, the commissioner may direct the DOE to add one or more subject areas to the official schedule.¹²

Before adopting instructional materials in a certain subject area, the DOE publishes specifications for the materials. These specifications detail the courses for which materials are sought and the standards the materials must meet.¹³ Beginning with the 2026-2027 instructional materials adoption cycle and thereafter, the DOE must publish an instructional materials adoption timeline which must include, but is not limited to, publishing bid specifications, advertising in the Florida Administrative Register, and deadlines for the submission of bids. The adoption cycle must include at least 6 months between the release of the bid specifications and the deadline for the submission of bids, and publication of an initial list of state-adopted instructional materials no later than July 31 in the year preceding the adoption.¹⁴ For the 2025-2026 instructional materials adoption cycle, the DOE must publish an initial list of state-adopted instructional materials no later than December 1, 2025.¹⁵

The following chart shows the adoption schedule for instructional materials through FY 2028-2029¹⁶:

Adoption Year	Subject Area	Specifications and Criteria Available	State Adoption Process	Effective Date of Contract April 1-March 31
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² *Id.*
³ *Id.*
⁴ See Section [1006.28\(2\), F.S.](#)
⁵ Section [1006.29\(2\), F.S.](#)
⁶ *Id.*
⁷ See Section [1006.28\(1\), F.S.](#); Section [1006.29\(2\), F.S.](#)
⁸ Section [1004.04, F.S.](#)
⁹ Section [1004.85\(1\), F.S.](#)
¹⁰ Section [1006.38\(3\), F.S.](#)
¹¹ Section [1006.36\(1\), F.S.](#)
¹² Section [1006.36\(2\), F.S.](#)
¹³ Florida Department of Education, *Policies and Procedures for the Florida Instructional Materials Adoption*, at 3, available at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5574/urlt/PoliciesandProceduresSpecifications-FINAL.pdf>
¹⁴ Section [1006.33\(1\)\(a\)1, F.S.](#)
¹⁵ Section [1006.33\(1\)\(b\)2, F.S.](#)
¹⁶ Florida Department of Education, *Florida Instructional Materials Adoption Schedule For Adoption Years 2024-2025 Through 2028-2029 (2024)*, available at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5574/urlt/AdoptionCycle.pdf>.

2024-2025	English Language Arts, K-12 ; Personal Financial Literacy and Money Management, 9-12 ; Mathematics Intervention Materials, K-4 and English Language Arts Intervention Materials, K-3	November 2023	April 2024-2025	2025-2030
2025-2026	Career and Technical Education, World Languages, Art, Music, Dance and Health, K-12 ; 6-12 Additional English Language Arts	June 2024	November 2024-December 2025	2026-2031
2026-2027	Mathematics and Computer Science, K-12	January 2025	June 2025-July 2026	2027-2032
2027-2028	Social Studies, K-12	January 2026	June 2026-July 2027	2028-2033
2028-2029	Science, K-12	January 2027	June 2027-2028	2029-2034

Funding for Instructional Materials

Funding for instructional materials is provided annually by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act and is included in the base student allocation.¹⁷ Each school district must certify to the Commissioner of Education the estimated allocation of state funds for instructional materials for the ensuing fiscal year, on or before July 1 each year.¹⁸ Unless a school district has implemented its own instructional materials program¹⁹, any instructional materials purchased using state funds must be aligned with the state academic standards²⁰ and included on the state-adopted instructional materials list.²¹ Up to 50 percent of the amount the school district has budgeted for instructional materials may be used to:

- purchase library and reference books and nonprint materials;
- purchase other materials having intellectual content that assist in the instruction of a subject or course; or
- repair or renovate textbooks and library books and replace items that were part of previously purchased instructional materials.²²

BILL HISTORY

COMMITTEE REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE	STAFF DIRECTOR/ POLICY CHIEF	ANALYSIS PREPARED BY
Education & Employment Committee	16 Y, 2 N, As CS	3/13/2025	Hassell	Blank
THE CHANGES ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifies that the requirement regarding instructional materials and library media center collections applies only to materials adopted or acquired on or after July 1, 2025. 			
State Affairs Committee				
Budget Committee				

¹⁷ Florida Department of Education, *Funding for Florida's School Districts, 2024-2025*, at 17, available at <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5574/urlt/AdoptionCycle.pdf>.

¹⁸ Section [1006.40\(1\), F.S.](#)

¹⁹ Section [1006.283\(1\), F.S.](#)

²⁰ Section [1003.41\(1\), F.S.](#)

²¹ Section [1006.40\(3\)\(a\), F.S.](#) Materials not on the state adopted list include library books, reference books, and nonprint materials.

²² Section [1006.40\(3\)\(b\), F.S.](#)

THIS BILL ANALYSIS HAS BEEN UPDATED TO INCORPORATE ALL OF THE CHANGES DESCRIBED ABOVE.
