

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to history and instruction of
3 political and socio-economic systems; amending s.
4 1003.42, F.S.; beginning in a specified school year,
5 requiring students to receive instruction on the
6 history of Communism; providing requirements for such
7 instruction; requiring the Department of Education to
8 prepare and offer standards for such instruction;
9 authorizing the department to seek specified input for
10 such standards; requiring the Department of State, in
11 collaboration with the Department of Education, to
12 provide a recommendation to the Legislature by a
13 specified date relating to the creation of a museum of
14 the history of Communism; providing for the future
15 expiration of such requirements; amending s.
16 1004.6496, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
17 by the act; amending s. 1004.64991, F.S.; renaming the
18 Adam Smith Center for the Study of Economic Freedom as
19 the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom; revising
20 the goals of the center; creating s. 1004.89, F.S.;
21 creating the Institute for Freedom in the Americas at
22 Miami Dade College for specified purposes; providing
23 requirements for the institute; requiring Miami Dade
24 College to approve a direct-support organization for
25 the institute; providing membership requirements for

26 | the direct-support organization; providing an
 27 | effective date.

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29 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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31 | Section 1. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (2) of
 32 | section 1003.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

33 | 1003.42 Required instruction.—

34 | (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
 35 | schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
 36 | and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
 37 | faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
 38 | highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
 39 | following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
 40 | approved methods of instruction, the following:

41 | (v)1. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, the History
 42 | of Communism. Such instruction must be age appropriate and
 43 | developmentally appropriate and include:

44 | a. The history of Communism in the United States and
 45 | domestic Communist movements, including their histories and
 46 | tactics.

47 | b. Atrocities committed in foreign countries under the
 48 | guidance of Communism.

49 | c. Comparative discussion of political ideologies, such as
 50 | Communism and totalitarianism, that conflict with the principles

51 of freedom and democracy essential to the founding principles of
52 the United States.

53 d. The increasing threat of Communism in the United States
54 and our allies through the 20th Century, including the events of
55 the Cultural Revolution in the People's Republic of China and
56 other mass killings from Communist regimes.

57 e. The economic, industrial, and political events that
58 have preceded and anticipated Communist revolutions.

59 f. The Communist policies of Cuba and the spread of
60 Communist ideologies throughout Latin America, including the
61 roots of the Communist Party of Cuba and guerilla forces
62 throughout Latin America.

63 2. The department shall prepare and offer standards for
64 the instruction required by this paragraph and may seek input
65 from any individuals who were victims of Communism or any state
66 or nationally recognized organizations dedicated to the victims
67 of Communism.

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69 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
70 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.
71 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the
72 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
73 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
74 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
75 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (u).

76 Section 2. The Department of State shall, in collaboration
 77 with the Department of Education, consult with state and
 78 national stakeholders to provide a recommendation to the
 79 Legislature, no later than December 1, 2024, on the creation of
 80 a museum of the history of Communism. This section expires July
 81 1, 2025.

82 Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section
 83 1004.6496, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

84 1004.6496 Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic
 85 Education.—

86 (3) The goals of the center are to:

87 (e) Coordinate with the Florida Institute for Governance
 88 and Civics created pursuant to s. 1004.6499 and the Adam Smith
 89 Center for ~~the Study of~~ Economic Freedom created pursuant to s.
 90 1004.64991 and assist in the curation and implementation of
 91 Portraits in Patriotism created pursuant to s. 1003.44.

92 Section 4. Section 1004.64991, Florida Statutes, is
 93 amended to read:

94 1004.64991 The Adam Smith Center for ~~the Study of~~ Economic
 95 Freedom.—

96 (1) The Adam Smith Center for ~~the Study of~~ Economic
 97 Freedom at Florida International University is hereby created.

98 (2) The goals of the center are to:

99 (a) Study the effect of government and free market
 100 economies on individual freedom, educational freedom, and human

101 prosperity.

102 (b) Conduct and promote research on the effect of
103 political and economic systems on human prosperity.

104 (c) Plan and host ~~research~~ workshops, symposiums, and
105 conferences to allow students, scholars, and guests to exchange
106 in civil discussion of democracy and capitalism.

107 (d) Provide fellowship and mentoring opportunities to
108 students engaged in scholarly studies of the effect of political
109 and economic systems on human prosperity.

110 (e) Partner with the Institute for Freedom in the Americas
111 to support its mission, which includes promoting economic and
112 individual freedoms as a means for advancing human progress with
113 an emphasis on Latin America and the Caribbean.

114 (3) In order to carry out the purpose set forth in this
115 section, the center ~~institute~~ is authorized to:

116 (a) Hire necessary faculty and staff pursuant to s.
117 1001.741;

118 (b) Enroll students;

119 (c) Develop curriculum and offer new courses, including
120 honors courses, certificates, degrees, and major and minor
121 programs;

122 (d) Hold events, including fundraisers;

123 (e) Fulfill other actions approved by the president of the
124 university; and

125 (f) Generate resources based on student credit hour

126 enrollment, in the same manner as any college within the
127 institution.

128 Section 5. Section 1004.89, Florida Statutes, is created
129 to read:

130 1004.89 Institute for Freedom in the Americas.-

131 (1) The Institute for Freedom in the Americas is created
132 at Miami Dade College to preserve the ideals of a free society
133 and promote democracy in the Americas. The institute shall be
134 located at the Freedom Tower and shall:

135 (a) Partner with the Adam Smith Center for Economic
136 Freedom to hold workshops, symposiums, and conferences that
137 provide networking opportunities for leaders throughout the
138 region to gain new insights and ideas for promoting democracy,
139 including knowledge and insight to the intellectual, political,
140 and economic freedoms that are foundational to a democratic
141 society.

142 (b) Enter into an agreement with the Adam Smith Center for
143 Economic Freedom to provide participants with academic
144 coursework and programs that advance democratic practices and
145 economic and legal reforms.

146 (c) Provide educational and experiential opportunities for
147 regional leaders committed to careers in democracy and
148 governance.

149 (2) Miami Dade College, in accordance with s. 1004.70,
150 shall approve a direct-support organization to support the

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151 institute in its mission to develop partnerships throughout the
152 Americas. The board of the direct-support organization shall
153 consist of five members as follows:

154 (a) Three members appointed by the Governor which shall
155 include a representative from Miami Dade College and the Adam
156 Smith Center for Economic Freedom.

157 (b) One member appointed by the President of the Senate.

158 (c) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
159 Representatives.

160 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.