

HOUSE BILL 1213 – EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION OF HISTORICAL EVENTS

BILL SPONSOR(S)	Representative Fine, Representative Caruso, Education Committee and PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee
EFFECTIVE DATE(S)	July 1, 2020
STATUTE(S)	Amends section 1003.42, Florida Statutes

SUMMARY

Requires the Commissioner of Education’s (Commissioner) African American History Task Force to examine ways to include the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots in the required instruction on African American history.

Revises the requirement to teach Holocaust education to include instruction concerning anti-Semitism; requires school districts to report Holocaust education instruction annually to the Florida Department of Education (department); requires the department to prepare and offer Holocaust education standards and curriculum; and designates the second week in November as “Holocaust Education Week.”

HIGHLIGHTS

- Requires the Commissioner’s African American History Task Force to examine ways to include the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots in the required instruction on African American history.
- Encourages district school boards to seek opportunities to name school facilities in recognition of victims of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots.
- Revises the requirement to teach Holocaust education to include instruction on anti-Semitism.
- Requires school districts to report Holocaust education instruction annually to the department.
- Requires the department to prepare and offer Holocaust education standards and curriculum and permits the department to seek input from the Commissioner’s Task Force on Holocaust Education or from any state or nationally recognized Holocaust educational organizations.
- Allows the department to contract with any state or nationally recognized Holocaust educational organizations to develop instructional personnel training and classroom resources.
- Designates the second week in November as “Holocaust Education Week.”



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GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

JULY 1, 2020	The bill becomes effective
SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER (EACH YEAR)	Designated as “Holocaust Education Week”
MARCH 1, 2021	The Commissioner’s African American History Task Force submits instruction recommendations on the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots to the State Board of Education and the Commissioner