

HB 1047 -- Disability History and Awareness in Public Schools

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This bill requires every school district to annually provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools during the month of October which is to be designated as "Disability History and Awareness Month." The bill describes the elements of disability history and requires that instruction be integrated into the existing curriculum. The goals of instruction include better treatment for individuals with disabilities; encouragement to individuals with disabilities to develop increased self-esteem; and reaffirmation of the local, state, and federal commitment to full inclusion. Higher education institutions are also encouraged to conduct and promote disability awareness activities.