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## **Representative Benjamin Gets Landmark Increase in African American Studies Attached to HB 7**

**Tallahassee, FL** – This week, **Representative Christopher Benjamin’s (D-Miami Gardens)** amendment to [HB 7](#), “the Individual Freedom Act”, was one of two amendments added to the bill on the floor on third reading. **House Speaker Chris Sprowls** touted this amendment, and bipartisan cooperation, to be responsible for “the largest expansion of African American studies in Florida in the last 20 years.”

**Representative Benjamin** stated, “It was important to me and my constituents that this legislation was clear on the real fact that ALL of our history, the good the bad and the ugly, would be taught to our children. Especially, the parts of our history that reflect the plight and the victories of the African Americans that helped build this great country. Ensuring that we provide guidance to our educators that we want them to continue to enrich our children’s learning experience with good, honest and objective view points on our history, because this is how we learn, how we grow and most importantly how we continue to move forward as a people, a community and as the Great State of Florida”

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