

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2343
OFFERED BY MR. SHERMAN OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Peace and Tolerance
3 in Palestinian Education Act”.

4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) In 2016 and 2017, the Palestinian Author-
7 ity published modified curricula for school-aged chil-
8 dren in grades 1 through 11.

9 (2) Textbooks used by the Palestinian Author-
10 ity (PA) in the West Bank and Gaza include graph-
11 ics portraying violence against Israeli soldiers, posi-
12 tive portrayals of individuals who have committed at-
13 tacks against citizens of Israel, and references to
14 Palestinian efforts to target the “Zionists”.

15 (3) PA textbooks are used at schools sponsored
16 by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency
17 (UNRWA) because UNRWA schools use the text-
18 books of the host government.

1 (4) On April 26, 2018, the Government Ac-
2 countability Office (GAO) published a report that
3 found the following:

4 (A) Textbooks in PA schools feature inac-
5 curate and misleading maps of the region and
6 include militaristic, adversarial imagery and
7 content that incite hatred.

8 (B) The Department of State raised with
9 Palestinian officials the objectionable content in
10 textbooks, including a specific math problem
11 using the number of Palestinian casualties in
12 the First and Second Intifadas.

13 (C) The United Nations Relief and Works
14 Agency (UNRWA), in its review of the text-
15 books, identified content not aligned with
16 United Nations values, the majority of which
17 content related to neutrality or bias issues, in-
18 cluding issues related to maps and references to
19 Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine.

20 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

21 It is the sense of Congress that the Palestinian Au-
22 thority has not sufficiently eliminated content and pas-
23 sages encouraging violence or intolerance toward other
24 countries or ethnic groups from the curriculum used in
25 their schools.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORTS REQUIRED.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
4 for two years in accordance with subsection (c), the Sec-
5 retary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign
6 Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
7 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report review-
8 ing curriculum used in schools in areas controlled by the
9 Palestinian Authority or located in Gaza and controlled
10 by any other entity. Each such report shall include the
11 following:

12 (1) A determination of whether there is content
13 or passages encouraging violence or intolerance to-
14 ward other countries or ethnic groups in such cur-
15 riculum, and a detailed explanation of the reasons
16 for reaching such determination.

17 (2) An assessment of the steps the Palestinian
18 Authority is taking to reform such curriculum at
19 schools to conform with standards of peace and tol-
20 erance in the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance
21 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
22 Cultural Organization (adopted November 16,
23 1995).

24 (3) A determination whether United States for-
25 eign assistance is used, directly or indirectly, to fund

1 the dissemination of such curriculum by the Pales-
2 tinian Authority.

3 (4) A detailed report on how United States as-
4 sistance is being used to address curriculum that en-
5 courages violence or intolerance toward other nations
6 or ethnic groups.

7 (5) A detailed report about United States diplo-
8 matic efforts in the preceding five years to encour-
9 age peace and tolerance in Palestinian education.

10 (6) If any diplomatic efforts referred to in para-
11 graph (5) were stopped by the Secretary of State,
12 the reasons for such stoppages.

13 (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary of State
14 shall post on a publicly available website of the Depart-
15 ment of State each report required under subsection (a).

16 (c) SUBSEQUENT DEADLINES.—Each report required
17 by subsection (a), other than the first such report, shall
18 be submitted not later than 90 days after the date on
19 which a new school year begins for schools controlled by
20 the Palestinian Authority.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the Secretary of State to submit annual reports reviewing the educational material used by the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.”.

