

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 434

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE SOLOMON

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out the period after  
2 "course" and inserting  
3 ; and, in terms and courses of study, further providing for  
4 Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations instruction.

5 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 25 and 26

6 Section 2. Section 1554 heading, (a), (b) and (c) of the act  
7 are amended to read:

8 Section 1554. Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights  
9 Violations and Cultural Awareness Instruction.--(a) (1)

10 Beginning with school year 2015-2016, each school entity may  
11 offer instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and human rights  
12 violations to students. Beginning with school year 2020-2021,  
13 each school entity may offer instruction in cultural awareness.  
14 The instruction shall be integrated within the social studies  
15 and language arts courses of study required in accordance with  
16 State Board of Education regulations. Instruction may also be  
17 integrated into other appropriate courses of study.

18 (2) The [Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations]  
19 instruction permitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall:

20 (i) Be age appropriate.

21 (ii) Be sequential in method of study.

22 (iii) Communicate the connection between national, ethnic,  
23 racial [or], religious or cultural intolerance and the subjects  
24 described in subsection (b).

25 (iv) Communicate the impact of personal responsibility,  
26 civic engagement and societal response within the context of the  
27 subjects described in subsection (b).

28 (3) School entities may utilize any appropriate public or  
29 private materials, personnel and other resources in developing  
30 and implementing the program of instruction permitted pursuant  
31 to paragraph (1). The Department of Education shall distribute  
32 information about appropriate curriculum materials to each  
33 school entity. School entities may utilize any curriculum that  
34 complies with the requirements of this subsection.

35 (b) (1) The Department of Education shall establish  
36 curriculum guidelines [no later than twelve (12) months after  
37 the effective date of this section] to foster implementation of

1 this section by school entities. The guidelines shall encourage  
2 the inclusion of all of the following subjects where appropriate  
3 in the instruction:

4 (i) The breadth of the history of the Holocaust, including  
5 the Third Reich dictatorship, concentration camp system,  
6 persecution of Jews and non-Jews, Jewish and non-Jewish  
7 resistance and post-World War II trials.

8 (ii) The definition, history, response and actions taken in  
9 the face of genocide, including the Holocaust and any other  
10 genocide perpetrated against humanity, including the Rwandan  
11 genocide and other genocides committed in Africa, Asia and  
12 Europe.

13 (iii) Human rights violations.

14 (iv) Anti-Semitism, racism and the abridgment of civil  
15 rights.

16 (v) Cultural awareness and rejection of ethnic, cultural and  
17 religious biases.

18 (vi) Resolution of disputes that result from ethnic and  
19 cultural disputes and religious biases.

20 (2) The Department of Education shall work in consultation  
21 with organizations and individuals that provide educational  
22 expertise and resources related to the Holocaust, genocide and  
23 human rights violations to develop the curriculum guidelines.  
24 The guidelines shall state the minimum amount of instruction  
25 necessary to adequately educate students on the Holocaust,  
26 genocide and human rights violations and on cultural awareness.

27 (c) [Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the] The  
28 Department of Education shall make available, to all school  
29 entities, in-service training programs based upon the  
30 instruction provided for under subsection (a) and the curriculum  
31 guidelines established pursuant to subsection (b).

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33 Amend Bill, page 3, line 26, by striking out "2" and  
34 inserting