

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1424

Sponsor: SENATOR FOLMER

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 7 and 8

2 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

3 (1) To provide children with an understanding of the
4 importance of the protection of human rights and the
5 potential consequences of unchecked ignorance, discrimination
6 and persecution, it is a matter of high priority that
7 children in this Commonwealth be educated concerning the
8 Holocaust, genocide and other human rights violations.

9 (2) Therefore, the General Assembly strongly encourages
10 school entities in this Commonwealth to offer instruction in
11 the Holocaust, genocide and other human rights violations.

12 Amend Bill, page 1, line 15, by striking out "SHALL" and
13 inserting

14 may

15 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 18 and 19, by striking out "make
16 available" and inserting

17 distribute

18 Amend Bill, page 2, line 20, by striking out "upon request of
19 a" and inserting

20 to each

21 Amend Bill, page 3, line 5, by inserting after "humanity"
22 , including the Rwandan genocide and other genocides
23 committed in Africa, Asia and Europe

24 Amend Bill, page 3, line 9, by striking out "may" and
25 inserting

26 shall

27 Amend Bill, page 3, line 10, by inserting after
28 "organizations"

1 and individuals

2 Amend Bill, page 3, line 10, by inserting after "educational"
3 expertise and

4 Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by inserting after "guidelines."

5 The guidelines shall state the minimum amount of instruction
6 necessary to adequately educate students on the Holocaust,
7 genocide and human rights violations.

8 Amend Bill, page 3, line 16, by striking out "REQUIRED"
9 pursuant to" and inserting

10 provided for under

11 Amend Bill, page 3, line 20, by inserting after "(a)"

12 providing instruction under subsection (a)

13 Amend Bill, page 4, line 8, by striking out all of said line
14 and inserting

15 (f) The State Board of Education shall:

16 (1) Conduct a study regarding the manner in which
17 instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and human rights
18 violations is offered by school entities in this Commonwealth.
19 In conducting the study, the State Board of Education shall
20 request that each school entity provide the State Board of
21 Education with information concerning whether the school entity
22 offers such instruction and the manner in which such instruction
23 is offered. Each school entity shall provide information to the
24 State Board of Education in response to a request under this
25 paragraph. Following the 2016-2017 school year, but not later
26 than November 30, 2017, the State Board of Education shall issue
27 a report to the Governor, the Secretary of Education, the
28 Chairman and Minority Chairman of the Education Committee of the
29 Senate and the Chairman and Minority Chairman of the Education
30 Committee of the House of Representatives addressing the
31 following:

32 (i) The number of school entities offering
33 instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and human rights
34 violations.

35 (ii) The number of school entities using the
36 curriculum guidelines established by the Department of
37 Education under subsection (b).

38 (iii) The number of school entities using the in-
39 service training programs made available by the
40 Department of Education under subsection (c).

41 (iv) A description of the manner in which school
42 entities are offering instruction in the Holocaust,
43 genocide and human rights violations, including the

1 number of hours of instruction offered, the grade levels
2 at which such instruction is offered and the course
3 within such instruction is integrated.

4 (v) The recommendations for improvements to the
5 offering of instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and
6 human rights violations, including recommended
7 legislation.

8 (2) Adopt a regulation, pursuant to the act of June 25,
9 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the "Regulatory Review Act,"
10 to require school entities to offer instruction in the
11 Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations that is
12 consistent with subsections (a) and (b), if the study
13 conducted by the State Board of Education under paragraph (1)
14 demonstrates that less than ninety percent of the school
15 entities are offering instruction in the Holocaust, genocide
16 and human rights violations consistent with subsections (a)
17 and (b).

18 (3) Adopt rules and

19 Amend Bill, page 4, line 10, by striking out "the act of June
20 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as"