

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

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