

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1671

By: Pugh of the Senate

3 and

4 Bush of the House

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6 An Act relating to school curriculum; directing the
7 State Department of Education in certain consultation
8 to develop certain curricula and materials related to
9 Holocaust education for students in certain grades;
10 requiring Holocaust education be taught in public
11 schools beginning in certain school year; allowing
12 Holocaust education to be integrated in courses;
13 directing the State Department of Education to
14 develop certain professional learning opportunities;
15 defining term; providing for codification; providing
16 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.6o of Title 70, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The State Department of Education, in consultation with an
22 organization whose mission is to preserve and enhance Jewish life
23 and wellbeing in this state, shall develop and make available to
24 public schools curricula, materials, and units related to Holocaust
25 education for grade-appropriate instruction of students in grades
26 six through twelve.

27 B. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, Holocaust education
28 shall be taught to students in grades six through twelve in public

1 schools in this state. Holocaust education may be integrated into
2 one or more existing courses of study and shall be taught in a
3 manner that:

4 1. Generates an understanding of the causes, course, and
5 effects of the Holocaust;

6 2. Develops dialogue with students on the ramifications of
7 bullying, bigotry, stereotyping, and discrimination; and

8 3. Encourages tolerance of diversity and reverence for human
9 dignity for all citizens in a pluralistic society.

10 C. The State Department of Education, in consultation with an
11 organization whose mission is to preserve and enhance Jewish life
12 and wellbeing in this state, shall develop and implement high
13 quality professional learning opportunities for Holocaust education
14 teachers.

15 D. As used in this section, "Holocaust" means the systematic,
16 state-sponsored persecution and attempted annihilation of Jews and
17 other groups by the Nazi regime in Germany between 1933 and 1945,
18 which resulted in the murder of approximately six million Jews and
19 five million other individuals.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
23 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
24 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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Passed the Senate the 21st day of March, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2022.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives