

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1671

By: Pugh and Dossett (J.A.) of
the Senate

and

Bush and Waldron of the
House

An Act relating to school curriculum; directing the State Department of Education in certain consultation to develop resources related to Holocaust education for students in certain grades; requiring Holocaust education be taught in public schools beginning in certain school year; allowing Holocaust education to be integrated in courses; directing the State Department of Education to develop certain professional learning opportunities; defining term; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: School curriculum

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

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

A. The State Department of Education, in consultation with experts in Holocaust education, shall develop and make available to public schools resources related to Holocaust education for grade-appropriate instruction of students in grades six through twelve.

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

schools in this state, as prescribed in the Oklahoma Academic Standards. Holocaust education may be integrated into one or more existing courses of study and shall be taught in a manner that:

1. Generates an understanding of the causes, course, and effects of the Holocaust;
2. Develops dialogue with students on the ramifications of bullying, bigotry, stereotyping, and discrimination; and
3. Encourages tolerance of diversity and reverence for human dignity for all citizens in a pluralistic society.

C. The State Department of Education, in consultation with experts in Holocaust education, shall develop and implement high quality professional learning opportunities for Holocaust education teachers.

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

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

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

Passed the Senate the 11th day of May, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 18th day of April, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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