

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 22, 2022

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1671

6 By: Pugh

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

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

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

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

1 B. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, Holocaust education
2 shall be taught to students in grades six through twelve in public
3 schools in this state. Holocaust education may be integrated into
4 one or more existing courses of study and shall be taught in a
5 manner that:

6 1. Generates an understanding of the causes, course, and
7 effects of the Holocaust;

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
4 February 22, 2022 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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