

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3720

By: Waldron

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to school curriculum; requiring Holocaust education in public schools; directing the State Board of Education to develop and distribute curricula, materials, and units; defining term; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, Holocaust education shall be taught in all public schools 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.

1 B. The State Board of Education, in consultation with experts
2 in Holocaust education, shall develop and distribute curricula,
3 materials, and units related to Holocaust education for grade-
4 appropriate instruction for students in grades six through twelve.

5 C. As used in this section, "Holocaust" means the systematic,
6 state-sponsored persecution and attempted annihilation of Jews and
7 other groups by the Nazi regime in Germany between 1933 and 1945,
8 which resulted in the murder of approximately six million
9 (6,000,000) Jews and five million (5,000,000) other individuals.

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

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

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