

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1007

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By: Representatives M. Gray, Bentley, Gates, Richmond

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING UNITED STATES HISTORY COURSES IN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING UNITED STATES HISTORY COURSES
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.

(a) The General Assembly finds that the social studies curriculum guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education effective in July 2015 are insufficient and only require the history of the United States for the time period of:

(1) The beginning of the United States through 1820 in grade five (5);

(2) 1820 thorough 1900 for grade eight (8); and

(3) Post 1890 United States history in unspecified high school grades.

(b) The General Assembly further finds that it is possible for a student to only learn about the critical early years of United States history in grade five (5).



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-16-146. Foundation of certain social studies or history courses offered in grades seven through twelve (7-12).

(a) The following social studies or history courses offered in grades seven through twelve (7-12) include a relevant review of United States history from the period of colonization through 1890, specifically including the colonial period, the American Revolution, the foundations of the United States Government, and the American Civil War:

(1) A social studies or history course conditioned upon knowledge of historical events from the colonial period to modern times of United States history for which graduation credit is or may be received, except for advanced placement courses;

(2) Civics;

(3) United States after 1890;

(4) United States Government; and

(5) A current or future social studies or history course that could benefit from a study of the period of history identified in this section.

(b) The State Board of Education shall adopt or amend rules as necessary to implement this section.

/s/Collins-Smith

APPROVED: 04/08/2015