

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

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SENATE BILL 160

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION BE TAUGHT IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION BE TAUGHT IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

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

6-16-152. Holocaust education – Required.

(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.

(b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with local,



statewide, and national experts in Holocaust education, shall develop and distribute curricula, standards, materials, and units relating to Holocaust education for grade-appropriate grades five through twelve (5-12) instruction in all public schools.

(c) 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 (6,000,000) Jews and five million (5,000,000) other individuals.

/s/Hester