

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

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HOUSE BILL 1060

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### For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO REVISE THE INSTRUCTION PROVIDED ON THE FAILURE OF COMMUNIST AND AUTOCRATIC SYSTEMS AND TO REINFORCE IN REQUIRED INSTRUCTION THE RESILIENCY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC SYSTEM ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

### Subtitle

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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:

6-16-156. Communism and autocratic government education – Update to existing standards – Definition.

(a) Prior to the 2026-2027 school year, the Department of Education shall review and update current social studies standards for grades seven through twelve (7-12) in all public schools to include age-appropriate adjustments in order to ensure curricula, standards, materials, and units accurately compare and contrast the resiliency of the United States's constitutional republic with the failures of communism and autocratic government systems and other democratic government systems.



(b) The updated standards under subsection (a) of this section shall include the following without limitation:

(1) The adherence to constitutional limitation in the United States Government;

(2) The value of an educated citizenry and its ability to alter government direction via elections;

(3) The general subservience of constitutional republics to the citizens, while other forms of government require subservience to a single government institution or a single government leader;

(4) The record of mass murder and oppression committed as a result of communism and autocratic governments;

(5) The economic structures and related collapses of the economic structures in countries that have adopted communism and autocratic government policies or systems;

(6) The issues and failures associated with communism and autocratic governments;

(7) The continued failure of communism and autocratic governments resulting from the direct influences of the following without limitation:

(A) The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and its successor state, Russia;

(B) The People's Republic of China;

(C) Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and

(D) Argentina; and

(8) The natural deterioration of democracies into autocracies over history, including without limitation in Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen.

(c) As used in this section, "communism and autocratic government" means a system of government in which absolute power over a state is concentrated in the hands of a single person or party, whose decisions are subject to neither external legal constraints nor regularized mechanisms of popular control.

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