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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REQUIRING THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A**
102 **COURSE THAT INCLUDES HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES AS**
103 **A CONDITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION IN PUBLIC**
104 **SCHOOLS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the state board to adopt standards related to Holocaust and genocide studies on or before July 1, 2021.

The bill requires each school district board of education and

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charter school to incorporate the standards on Holocaust and genocide studies adopted by the state board into an existing course that is currently a condition of high school graduation for school years beginning on or after July 1, 2022.

The bill requires the department of education to create and maintain a publicly available resource bank of materials pertaining to Holocaust and genocide courses and programs, which must be available for access by public schools no later than July 1, 2021.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-1-104.7** as
3 follows:

4 **22-1-104.7. Teaching of Holocaust and genocide studies -**
5 **definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
6 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (a) "GENOCIDE" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTS COMMITTED
8 WITH THE INTENT TO DESTROY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, A NATIONAL,
9 ETHNIC, RACIAL, OR RELIGIOUS GROUP:

10 (I) KILLING MEMBERS OF A NATIONAL, ETHNIC, RACIAL, OR
11 RELIGIOUS GROUP;

12 (II) CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY OR MENTAL HARM TO MEMBERS OF
13 A NATIONAL, ETHNIC, RACIAL, OR RELIGIOUS GROUP;

14 (III) DELIBERATELY INFLECTING ON A NATIONAL, ETHNIC, RACIAL,
15 OR RELIGIOUS GROUP CONDITIONS OF LIFE CALCULATED TO BRING ABOUT
16 ITS PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION IN WHOLE OR IN PART;

17 (IV) IMPOSING MEASURES INTENDED TO PREVENT BIRTHS WITHIN
18 A NATIONAL, ETHNIC, RACIAL, OR RELIGIOUS GROUP; OR

19 (V) FORCIBLY TRANSFERRING CHILDREN OF A NATIONAL, ETHNIC,
20 RACIAL, OR RELIGIOUS GROUP TO ANOTHER GROUP.

21 (b) "HOLOCAUST" MEANS THE SYSTEMATIC, BUREAUCRATIC,

1 STATE-SPONSORED PERSECUTION AND MURDER OF APPROXIMATELY SIX
2 MILLION JEWS AND FIVE MILLION INDIVIDUALS TARGETED FOR THEIR
3 RELIGION, DISABILITY, OR IDENTITY BY THE NAZI REGIME AND ITS
4 COLLABORATORS.

5 (c) "HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES" MEANS STUDIES ON THE
6 HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE, AND OTHER ACTS OF MASS VIOLENCE, INCLUDING
7 BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.

8 (2) (a) FOR SCHOOL YEARS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023,
9 EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CHARTER SCHOOL
10 SHALL INCORPORATE THE STANDARDS ON HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE
11 STUDIES DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION
12 22-7-1005 (2.7) INTO AN EXISTING COURSE THAT IS CURRENTLY A
13 CONDITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

14 (b) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION
15 APPLIES ONLY IF THE STANDARDS ARE ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD ON
16 OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023.

17 (3) A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY UTILIZE THE
18 RESOURCE BANK CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-127.3 OR OTHER
19 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS OR MATERIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS
20 OF THIS SECTION. ANY PROGRAMS OR MATERIALS USED IN TEACHING
21 HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES MUST REPRESENT BEST PRACTICES
22 AND BE DEVELOPED USING INPUT FROM EXPERTS IN THE AREA OF
23 HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES.

24 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1005, **add** (2.7)
25 as follows:

26 **22-7-1005. Preschool through elementary and secondary**
27 **education - aligned standards - adoption - revisions.** (2.7) (a) ON OR

1 BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT STANDARDS THAT
2 IDENTIFY THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT STUDENTS SHOULD ACQUIRE
3 AS A CONDITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RELATED TO HOLOCAUST
4 AND GENOCIDE STUDIES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-1-104.7 (1),
5 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.

6 (b) IN CREATING THE STANDARDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
7 (2.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL UTILIZE
8 A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS THAT IS COST-EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT,
9 INCLUDING THE USE OF EXPERTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

10 (c) THE ADOPTION OF THE STANDARDS IDENTIFIED IN THIS
11 SUBSECTION (2.7) IS CONDITIONAL ON THE RECEIPT OF GIFTS, GRANTS, OR
12 DONATIONS.

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-2-127.3** as
14 follows:

15 **22-2-127.3. Holocaust and genocide studies - resource bank -**
16 **technical assistance - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS
17 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

18 (a) "GENOCIDE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION
19 22-1-104.7 (1)(a).

20 (b) "HOLOCAUST" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN
21 SECTION 22-1-104.7 (1)(b).

22 (c) "HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES" HAS THE SAME
23 MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 22-1-104.7 (1)(c).

24 (2) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A
25 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE RESOURCE BANK OF MATERIALS PERTAINING TO
26 HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE COURSES AND PROGRAMS. AT A MINIMUM,
27 THE RESOURCE BANK MUST INCLUDE:

1 (I) SAMPLE ACADEMIC CONTENT STANDARDS FOR HOLOCAUST AND
2 GENOCIDE STUDIES;

3 (II) SAMPLE PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION FOR HOLOCAUST AND
4 GENOCIDE STUDIES;

5 (III) SAMPLES OF HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES LEARNING
6 RESOURCES, INCLUDING FIRST-PERSON TESTIMONY;

7 (IV) SAMPLE MATERIALS FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
8 DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES; AND

9 (V) CASE STUDIES ON THE HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDES,
10 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE.

11 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE MATERIALS
12 INCLUDED IN THE RESOURCE BANK REPRESENT THE BEST PRACTICES IN
13 TEACHING HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES, AND THE DEPARTMENT
14 SHALL SEEK INPUT FROM EXPERTS IN THE AREA OF HOLOCAUST AND
15 GENOCIDE STUDIES IN COMPILING THE MATERIALS.

16 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE RESOURCE BANK
17 IS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS,
18 BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND THE PUBLIC BY JULY 1, 2021.

19 (3) TO THE EXTENT SUCH RESOURCES AND TOOLS ARE READILY
20 AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, THE RESOURCE BANK MAY ALSO:

21 (a) IDENTIFY EXISTING RESOURCES AND TOOLS THAT PROVIDE
22 OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPERTS IN HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES TO
23 BE PAIRED WITH A TEACHER IN THE CLASSROOM TO CO-TEACH COURSES IN
24 HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES; AND

25 (b) INCLUDE A LISTING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT
26 ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING EXPERTS WHO WISH TO VOLUNTEER TO
27 CO-TEACH COURSES IN HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES AND A

1 LISTING OF EXPERTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO
2 CO-TEACH SUCH COURSES.

3 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,
4 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE
5 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

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7 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.