

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1933
101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to a curriculum for studying civil rights.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be
2 known as sections 170.349 and 170.375, to read as follows:

170.349. 1. As used in this section, the term "civil rights era" means the period
2 **in American history from 1954 to 1968 during which reform-minded Americans**
3 **organized to press for a rejection of the doctrine of "separate but equal" and to reform**
4 **Jim Crow era laws in the United States.**

5 **2. (1) The general assembly hereby declares that it is the public policy of this**
6 **state to reaffirm the commitment of the free people of this state to reject bigotry, to**
7 **champion equal protection under the law as a foundational principle of our republic,**
8 **and to act in opposition to injustice wherever it may occur.**

9 **(2) To further the public policy described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, a**
10 **civil rights curriculum shall be developed and adopted to study the events of the civil**
11 **rights era and other acts of discriminatory injustice around the world. Such curriculum**
12 **shall educate students about:**

13 **(a) The natural law and natural rights principles that informed the leadership of**
14 **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., throughout the civil rights movement and the tactics and**
15 **strategies of nonviolent resistance that he championed in response to Jim Crow laws;**
16 **and**

17 **(b) The civil rights era and the universal lesson that hatred on the basis of**
18 **immutable characteristics such as race or ethnicity or other characteristics such as**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 **nationality, religious belief, disability, or sex can overtake any nation or society and lead**
20 **to profound injustice.**

21 **3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a**
22 **curriculum containing at least one unit of instruction studying the civil rights era as**
23 **described in subsection 2 of this section. Such curriculum shall include, but not be**
24 **limited to, studies of:**

25 **(1) The Armenian Genocide;**

26 **(2) The Holocaust;**

27 **(3) The use of Chinese indentured workers known as "coolies" in Cuba;**

28 **(4) The detention and forced labor of Uyghurs by the People's Republic of**
29 **China;**

30 **(5) The forced deportation and related criminal acts and human rights abuses**
31 **against the Rohingya of Burma; and**

32 **(6) Other efforts around the world to deprive people of fundamental civil rights.**

33 **4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall make such**
34 **curriculum available to school districts beginning in the 2023-24 school year.**

35 **5. Each school district shall adopt the curriculum provided by the department of**
36 **elementary and secondary education under subsection 4 of this section or a substantially**
37 **similar curriculum beginning in the 2023-24 school year. Each school district shall**
38 **determine the minimum amount of instruction time that qualifies as a unit of instruction**
39 **satisfying the requirements of this section.**

170.375. The board of each school district shall require each public school in
2 **such district to conduct educational programs and activities and devote a period of time**
3 **at least equal to one class period that honors the struggles and triumphs of black**
4 **Americans throughout the history of the United States. Such educational programs and**
5 **activities and period of time shall take place in the month of February. The school**
6 **board, in consultation with the administrators of each public school in the school**
7 **district, shall determine the educational programs and activities that will be conducted**
8 **to comply with the requirements of this section.**

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