

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 619

Short Title: Learning AAPI Contributions in Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Liu, Cotham, Willis, and Lowery (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 17, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ADD ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER EDUCATION TO THE  
3 STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended  
6 by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 115C-81.58. Asian American and Pacific Islander education.**

8 The standard course of study shall include the requirement that courses from elementary  
9 school through high school include age-appropriate units on the impact of Asian Americans and  
10 Pacific Islanders on American history. The units shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
11 topics:

- 12 (1) The early contributions of Asian immigrants as farmers, miners, fishermen,  
13 factory workers, and laborers who helped build the transcontinental railroad.  
14 (2) The challenges and struggles that Asian immigrants have endured and  
15 persevered throughout the history of the United States.  
16 (3) The role of Asian Americans in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s in  
17 the United States.  
18 (4) The role of Asian Americans as the fastest growing minority group in the  
19 United States.  
20 (5) The contribution of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in government, the  
21 arts and sciences, and economic, cultural, social, and political developments  
22 in North Carolina and the United States."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to courses taught  
24 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.



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