

HOUSE BILL 1460

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 10, relative to curriculum.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1006, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) Each LEA and public charter school shall provide age-appropriate and grade-appropriate instruction to public school students in grades five (5) and eight (8) on black history and culture and the contribution of black people to the history and development of this country and of the world. LEAs and public charter schools must include in a black history curriculum information on the history, heritage, culture, experience, and ultimate destiny of all social, ethnic, gender, and national groups and individuals, and that such are represented as interdependent, interactive, and complementary.

(b) In addition to instruction required under subsection (a), LEAs and public charter schools are encouraged to provide age-appropriate and grade-appropriate instruction to public school students in other grades as determined by a local board or charter school governing body.

(c) The department of education shall provide each LEA and public charter school with a variety of age-appropriate and grade-appropriate internet resources and materials that may be used to educate kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) public school students about black history. The resources and materials identified by the department should aid educators and curriculum coordinators in creating programs and

lesson plans. Each LEA and public charter school shall determine the resources and materials that will be used to provide the instruction required under subsection (a).

(d) The state board of education shall include multicultural diversity when developing frameworks and curricula to be taught at appropriate grade levels kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2021-2022 school year and each school year thereafter.