



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 55

February 10, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives PLUMER, SUBECK, SKOWRONSKI, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BILLINGS, BOWEN, BROOKS, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CALLAHAN, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DITTRICH, DOYLE, DRAKE, DUCHOW, EDMING, EMERSON, GOYKE, GUNDRUM, HEBL, HINTZ, HESSELBEIN, HONG, KATZMA, KERKMAN, KUGLITSCH, KNODL, MAGNAFICI, MILROY, MURSAU, B. MEYERS, L. MYERS, NEUBAUER, NOVAK, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PRONSCHINSKE, RIEMER, J. RODRIGUEZ, S. RODRIGUEZ, ROZAR, SCHRAA, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SNYDER, SPIROS, SPREITZER, STEFFEN, STUBBS, TAUCHEN, TITTL, TUSLER, VINING, VOS, VRUWINK and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, AGARD, CARPENTER, ERPENBACH, FELZKOWSKI, FEYEN, JACQUE, JOHNSON, LARSON, PFAFF, RINGHAND, ROYS, WANGGAARD and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1 **AN ACT to amend** 115.28 (55) (title); and **to create** 115.28 (55m), 118.40 (2r) (b)  
2 2. L., 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. L., 118.60 (2) (a) 9., 119.23 (2) (a) 9. and 121.02 (1) (L) 8.  
3 of the statutes; **relating to:** incorporating the Holocaust and other genocides  
4 into the state model social studies standards and requiring instruction on the  
5 Holocaust and other genocides.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the state superintendent of public instruction to incorporate the Holocaust and other genocides into the model academic standards for social studies and to develop model curricula and instructional materials on the same subject. Under the bill, in developing the model curricula and instructional materials, the state superintendent must consult with an organization in this state that provides Holocaust education programs to public and private schools and offers educational tools and training to teachers and with a state agency in another state that has developed model curricula on the Holocaust and other genocides. Finally, the bill requires a school board, independent charter school, and private school participating in a parental choice program to include instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides in its respective curriculum at least once in grades 5 to 8 and once in grades 9 to 12.

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For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 115.28 (55) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           115.28 **(55)** (title) SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS; ORGANIZED LABOR.

3           **SECTION 2.** 115.28 (55m) of the statutes is created to read:

4           115.28 **(55m)** THE HOLOCAUST AND OTHER GENOCIDES; MODEL STANDARDS,  
5 CURRICULA, AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS. (a) Incorporate the Holocaust, as defined  
6 in s. 121.02 (1) (L) 8. a., and other genocides into the model academic standards for  
7 social studies.

8           (b) Develop a model curriculum and related instructional materials for pupils  
9 in grades 5 to 8 on the Holocaust, as defined in s. 121.02 (1) (L) 8. a., and other  
10 genocides.

11           (c) Develop a model curriculum and related instructional materials for pupils  
12 in grades 9 to 12 on the Holocaust, as defined in s. 121.02 (1) (L) 8. a., and other  
13 genocides.

14           **SECTION 3.** 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. L. of the statutes is created to read:

15           118.40 **(2r)** (b) 2. L. If the contract is for the operation of a charter school that  
16 includes a grade from 5 to 12, a requirement that the charter school's curriculum  
17 include the instruction required under s. 121.02 (1) (L) 8., so far as applicable.

18           **SECTION 4.** 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. L. of the statutes is created to read:

19           118.40 **(2x)** (b) 2. L. If the contract is for the operation of a charter school that  
20 includes a grade from 5 to 12, a requirement that the charter school's curriculum  
21 include the instruction required under s. 121.02 (1) (L) 8., so far as applicable.

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1           **SECTION 5.** 118.60 (2) (a) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

2           118.60 (2) (a) 9. If the private school operates any grade from 5 to 12, the private  
3 school includes in its curriculum the instruction required under s. 121.02 (1) (L) 8.,  
4 so far as applicable.

5           **SECTION 6.** 119.23 (2) (a) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

6           119.23 (2) (a) 9. If the private school operates any grade from 5 to 12, the private  
7 school includes in its curriculum the instruction required under s. 121.02 (1) (L) 8.,  
8 so far as applicable.

9           **SECTION 7.** 121.02 (1) (L) 8. of the statutes is created to read:

10           121.02 (1) (L) 8. a. In this subdivision, “Holocaust” means the systematic  
11 state-sponsored killing of 6 million Jewish men, women, and children and millions  
12 of others by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945.

13           b. By July 1, 2022, as a part of the social studies curriculum, include instruction  
14 on the Holocaust and other genocides at least once in grades 5 to 8 and at least once  
15 in grades 9 to 12.

16           **SECTION 8. Nonstatutory provisions.**

17           (1) MODEL CURRICULA AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS. In developing the model  
18 curricula and related instructional materials required under s. 115.28 (55m) (b) and  
19 (c), the state superintendent of public instruction shall consult with all of the  
20 following:

21           (a) An organization in this state that is dedicated to Holocaust remembrance,  
22 Holocaust education, and the preservation of the memory of victims of the Holocaust  
23 and provides free Holocaust education programs to public and private schools and  
24 offers educational tools and training to teachers.

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1 (b) A state agency in another state that has developed a model curriculum on  
2 the Holocaust and other genocides.

3 **SECTION 9. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS. The treatment of s. 118.40 (2r) (b)  
5 2. L. and (2x) (b) 2. L. first applies to a contract that is entered into, renewed, or  
6 modified on the effective date of this subsection.

7 (2) PRIVATE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN A PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM. The treatment  
8 of ss. 118.60 (2) (a) 9. and 119.23 (2) (a) 9. first applies to an application to attend a  
9 private school under a parental choice program in the 2022-23 school year.

10 (END)