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HB 2241: schools; instruction; Holocaust; genocides

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Committee on Education**

Overview

Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt a requirement that students be taught about the Holocaust and other genocides at least twice between the 7th-12th grades.

History

Statute requires SBE to prescribe a minimum course of study incorporating the academic standards adopted by SBE to be taught in common schools and for the graduation of students from high school (A.R.S. §§ [15-701](#), [15-701.01](#)). School district governing boards and charter school governing bodies must adopt curriculum that includes the academic standards adopted by SBE. Currently, the [Arizona History and Social Science Standards](#) set the content theme and focus for courses in kindergarten and the 1st-8th grades and outline course considerations for the minimum course of study for high school graduation.

In October 2020, SBE [adopted rules](#) that altered minimum course of study requirements for common school and high school students. As a result, common school students must now undergo instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides at least once in either the 7th or 8th grade while in a social studies course. To graduate from high school, students must obtain three credits in social studies, including one credit of world history or geography that now must include instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides.

Provisions

1. Requires SBE to include a requirement in course of study and competency requirements that students be taught about the Holocaust and other genocides at least twice between the 7th-12th grades.

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