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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1557

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Purpose

Requires the State Board of Education (SBE), when next updating the high school social studies academic standards, to include the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States and in Arizona.

Background

The SBE must prescribe academic standards for the graduation of pupils from high school in social studies, which include personal finance, American civics education and a comparative discussion of political ideologies, such as communism and totalitarianism that conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy that are essential to the founding principles of the United States ([A.R.S. § 15-701.01](#)). The Arizona Department of Education's website provides optional instructional resources for local education agencies by grade level on certain topics, including Asian-American Pacific Islander history ([ADE](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires the SBE to include in high school social science studies standards the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States and in Arizona.
2. Defers the requirement until the SBE next updates the social studies standards.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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