

REFERENCE TITLE: Asian American history; instruction requirements

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Introduced by
Senators Kavanagh: Fernandez

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-701.05; RELATING TO SCHOOL CURRICULA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-701.05, to read:

4 15-701.05. Instruction on Asian American and Pacific Islander
5 history and contributions; annual attestation;
6 definition

7 A. IN ADOPTING THE COURSE OF STUDY AND COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS
8 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 15-701 AND 15-701.01, BEGINNING IN THE 2028-2029
9 SCHOOL YEAR, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE INSTRUCTION ABOUT
10 THE HISTORY OF ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS.

11 B. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING
12 WHEN DEVELOPING OR PLANNING THE INSTRUCTION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A OF
13 THIS SECTION:

14 1. THE HISTORY OF ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND PACIFIC
15 ISLANDERS IN THIS STATE, THIS REGION AND THE UNITED STATES.

16 2. CONTRIBUTIONS BY ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC
17 ISLANDER COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS RELATED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF CIVIL
18 RIGHTS FROM THE NINETEENTH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT DAY.

19 3. CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC
20 ISLANDER INDIVIDUALS IN THE ARTS, HUMANITIES, SCIENCE AND GOVERNMENT.

21 4. CONTRIBUTIONS BY ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC
22 ISLANDER COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND
23 POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

24 C. ON OR BEFORE JUNE 14, 2029 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS
26 TO ATTEST THAT THE INSTRUCTION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS PLANNED,
27 ONGOING AND SYSTEMATIC.

28 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE
29 HAWAIIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS" INCLUDES AMERICANS OF EAST ASIAN,
30 SOUTHEAST ASIAN, SOUTH ASIAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
31 DESCENT.