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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO AMERICAN**
102 **MINORITIES IN THE TEACHING OF SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN**
103 **CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND, IN CONNECTION**
104 **THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING THE HISTORY, CULTURE, SOCIAL**
105 **CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION**
106 **COMMISSION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCLUDE THE**
107 **HISTORY, CULTURE, AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN**
108 **INDIANS, LATINOS, AFRICAN AMERICANS, ASIAN AMERICANS,**
109 **AND THE INTERSECTIONALITY OF SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL AND**
110 **CULTURAL FEATURES WITHIN THESE COMMUNITIES, IN THE**
111 **TEACHING AND CONTENT STANDARDS FOR HISTORY AND CIVICS.**

Bill Summary

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill mandates funding instruction in public schools of history and civil government of the United States and Colorado, including but not limited to the history, culture, and social contributions of American Indians, Latinos, African Americans, Asian Americans, and the intersectionality of significant social and cultural features within these communities.

Current law requires school districts to convene community forums to discuss the content standards in history and civil government at least once every 10 years. The bill requires the forums to be held at least every 6 years.

The history, culture, social contributions, and civil government in education commission is established to make recommendations to the state board of education when the state board performs its scheduled 6-year review of education standards so that those standards and programs accurately reflect the history, culture, social contributions, and civil government of the United States and Colorado, including the contributions and influence of American Indians, Latinos, African Americans, Asian Americans, and the intersectionality of significant social and cultural features within these communities.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 22-1-104 as
3 follows:

4 **22-1-104. Teaching of history, culture, and civil government.**

5 ~~(1) The history and civil government of the state of Colorado shall be~~
6 ~~taught in all the public schools of this state.~~

7 ~~(2) (1) In addition,~~ The history and civil government of the United
8 States AND OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, which includes the history,
9 culture, and SOCIAL contributions of minorities, including, but not limited
10 to, ~~the~~ American Indians, ~~the Hispanic Americans,~~ and ~~the~~ LATINOS,
11 African Americans, ~~shall~~ ASIAN AMERICANS, AND THE

1 INTERSECTIONALITY OF SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FEATURES
2 WITHIN THESE COMMUNITIES, MUST be taught in all the public schools of
3 the state.

4 ~~(3)~~ (a) (2) Satisfactory completion of a course on the civil
5 government of the United States and the state of Colorado, ~~which~~
6 ~~includes~~ INCLUDING the subjects described in ~~subsection (2)~~ SUBSECTION
7 (1) of this section, ~~shall be~~ IS a condition of high school graduation in the
8 public schools of this state.

9 ~~(b) The condition of graduation described in paragraph (a) of this~~
10 ~~subsection (3) shall apply only to students entering their first year of high~~
11 ~~school on and after August 6, 2003.~~

12 ~~(4)~~ (3) (a) In an effort to increase civic participation among young
13 people, each school district board of education shall convene a
14 community forum on a periodic basis, but not less than once every ~~ten~~ SIX
15 years, for all interested persons to discuss adopted content standards in
16 civics, including the subjects described in ~~subsection (2)~~ SUBSECTION (1)
17 of this section. THE HISTORY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND
18 CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
19 22-1-104.3 SHALL ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH FORUMS.

20 (b) Based upon input from this community forum, each school
21 district board of education shall determine how the subject areas specified
22 in SUBSECTION (1) OF this section are addressed when establishing
23 graduation requirements.

24 ~~(5)~~ (4) (a) In an effort to strengthen the teaching of the history,
25 CULTURE, SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT of the state
26 of Colorado and of the United States in all public schools of the state in
27 accordance with the requirements of this section, the department of

1 education, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HISTORY, CULTURE, SOCIAL
2 CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION COMMISSION
3 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 22-1-104.3, shall assist the school districts of the
4 state in developing and promoting programs for elementary and
5 secondary students that engage the students in the process of discovery
6 and interpretation of ~~historical topics~~ THE SUBJECTS AND TOPICS SET
7 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (b) The department of education is authorized to accept gifts,
9 grants, and donations in furtherance of the objectives specified in
10 ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (5)~~ SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (c) It is the intent of the general assembly that the objectives
12 specified in ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (5)~~ SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF
13 THIS SECTION are ~~to be~~ funded through the state education fund created in
14 section 17 (4) of article IX of the state constitution. The general assembly
15 hereby finds that the development, promotion, and maintenance by the
16 school districts of the state of programs for elementary and secondary
17 students that engage such students in the process of discovery and
18 interpretation of ~~historical topics~~ ~~assists~~ THE SUBJECTS AND TOPICS SET
19 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ASSIST these students in
20 meeting state academic standards and may therefore be funded from
21 ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the state education fund.

22 ~~(6)~~ (5) (a) In an effort to strengthen the teaching of ~~civic education~~
23 HISTORY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT, AS
24 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, in all public schools of
25 the state in accordance with the requirements of this section, the
26 department of education, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HISTORY, CULTURE,
27 SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION

1 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 22-1-104.3, shall assist the school
2 districts of the state in developing and promoting programs for
3 elementary and secondary students that address the state model content
4 standards for HISTORY AND civics and promote best practices ~~in civic~~
5 ~~education~~ WHILE ALSO ADDRESSING THE SUBJECTS AND TOPICS DESCRIBED
6 IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

7 (b) It is the intent of the general assembly that the objectives
8 specified in this ~~subsection (6)~~ SUBSECTION (5) are ~~to be~~ funded through
9 the state education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state
10 constitution. The general assembly hereby finds that the development,
11 promotion, and maintenance by the school districts of the state of
12 programs for elementary and secondary students that address the state
13 model content standards for HISTORY AND civics and promote best
14 practices ~~in civic education~~ WHILE ADDRESSING THE SUBJECTS AND TOPICS
15 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION assist these students in
16 meeting state academic standards and may therefore be funded from
17 ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the state education fund.

18 (6) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL TAKE INTO
19 CONSIDERATION ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HISTORY, CULTURE,
20 SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION
21 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 22-1-104.3 WHEN PERFORMING ITS
22 SIX-YEAR REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATION STANDARDS PURSUANT TO
23 SECTION 22-7-1005 (6).

24 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-1-104.3 as
25 follows:

26 **22-1-104.3. History, culture, and civil government in education**
27 **commission - established - membership - duties.** (1) THERE IS

1 ESTABLISHED THE HISTORY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CIVIL
2 GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION COMMISSION, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION
3 AS THE "COMMISSION". THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO MAKE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
5 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
6 REGULAR SIX-YEAR REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATION STANDARDS AND
7 PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-1005 (6). THE
8 RECOMMENDATIONS MUST SEEK TO FURTHER THE DISCOVERY,
9 INTERPRETATION, AND LEARNING OF THE HISTORY, CULTURE, SOCIAL
10 CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND
11 COLORADO, INCLUDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN INDIANS,
12 LATINOS, AFRICAN AMERICANS, ASIAN AMERICANS, AND THE
13 INTERSECTIONALITY OF SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FEATURES
14 WITHIN THESE COMMUNITIES. THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK
15 COOPERATIVELY AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 EDUCATION AND LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS OF EDUCATION AS DESCRIBED IN
17 SECTION 22-1-104.

18 (2) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS AND, TO THE
19 EXTENT PRACTICABLE, MUST INCLUDE PERSONS FROM THROUGHOUT THE
20 STATE AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND MUST REFLECT THE ETHNIC
21 DIVERSITY OF THE STATE. A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS
22 MUST HAVE EITHER CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE OR EXPERIENCE IN
23 DEVELOPING EDUCATION CONTENT STANDARDS. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST
24 15, 2019, THE APPOINTING OFFICIALS SHALL APPOINT MEMBERSHIP OF THE
25 COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

26 (a) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF
27 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE

1 COMMISSION:

2 (I) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY;

3 (II) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE LATINO COMMUNITY;

4 (III) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY;

5 (IV) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY;

6 (V) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AN EDUCATORS' UNION;

7 (VI) ONE MEMBER FROM AN ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS

8 EITHER SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS OR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS; AND

9 (VII) TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING HIGHER EDUCATION. ONE

10 MEMBER MUST REPRESENT A LARGE STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER

11 EDUCATION, AND ONE MEMBER MUST REPRESENT A SMALLER STATE

12 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

13 (b) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL APPOINT TWO

14 MEMBERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WHO ARE NONVOTING

15 MEMBERS; AND

16 (c) THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

17 ESTABLISHED IN PART 2 OF ARTICLE 80 OF TITLE 24, OR THE PRESIDENT'S

18 DESIGNEE, WHO IS A NONVOTING MEMBER.

19 (3) COMMISSION MEMBERS SERVE FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS;

20 EXCEPT THAT, OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED, TWO MEMBERS

21 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO EACH OF SUBSECTIONS (2)(a)(I), (2)(a)(II), AND

22 (2)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION AND ONE MEMBER APPOINTED PURSUANT TO

23 SUBSECTION (2)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION, AS DESIGNATED BY THE

24 GOVERNOR, SERVE INITIAL TERMS OF TWO YEARS. THE APPOINTING

25 OFFICIALS SHALL FILL ANY VACANCIES ON THE COMMISSION FOR THE

26 REMAINDER OF ANY UNEXPIRED TERM.

27 (4) BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2019, THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET

1 A MINIMUM OF TWO TIMES PER YEAR AND ADDITIONALLY AS NEEDED IN
2 CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMUNITY FORUMS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
3 22-1-104 (3)(a).

4 (5) COMMISSION MEMBERS SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT
5 MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED
6 IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

7 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1005, **amend**
8 (6) as follows:

9 **22-7-1005. Preschool through elementary and secondary**
10 **education - aligned standards - adoption - revisions.** (6) On or before
11 July 1, 2018, and on or before July 1 every six years thereafter, the state
12 board shall review and adopt any appropriate revisions to the preschool
13 through elementary and secondary education standards specified in this
14 section. In adopting revisions, the state board may add or delete one or
15 more of the specific instructional areas based on the needs of the state and
16 changes in national and international academic expectations. In adopting
17 revisions to the standards pursuant to this subsection (6), the state board
18 shall ensure that the standards continue to meet the requirements specified
19 in subsection (3) of this section. IN ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE
20 STANDARDS RELATED TO HISTORY AND CIVICS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
21 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANY RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THE
22 HISTORY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN
23 EDUCATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 22-1-104.3.

24 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.