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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,**  
112               **AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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*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.*

## Bill Summary

*(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.

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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,

1 African Americans, ~~shall~~ ASIAN AMERICANS, AND THE  
2 INTERSECTIONALITY OF SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FEATURES  
3 WITHIN THESE COMMUNITIES, MUST be taught in all the public schools of  
4 the state.

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

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

13 ~~(4)~~ (3) (a) In an effort to increase civic participation among young  
14 people, each school district board of education shall convene a  
15 community forum on a periodic basis, but not less than once every ~~ten~~ SIX  
16 years, for all interested persons to discuss adopted content standards in  
17 civics, including the subjects described in ~~subsection (2)~~ SUBSECTION (1)  
18 of this section. THE HISTORY, CULTURE, SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND  
19 CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
20 22-1-104.3 SHALL ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH FORUMS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 **22-1-104.3. History, culture, and civil government in education**

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

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

27 (a) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF

1 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE  
2 COMMISSION:

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

4 (II) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE LATINO COMMUNITY;

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

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

7 (V) ONE MEMBER FROM THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND  
8 TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY;

9 (VI) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A TEACHER AND HOLDS AN INITIAL OR  
10 PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22;

11 (VII) ONE MEMBER FROM AN ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS  
12 EITHER SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS OR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS; AND

13 (VIII) TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING HIGHER EDUCATION. ONE  
14 MEMBER MUST REPRESENT A LARGE STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
15 EDUCATION, AND ONE MEMBER MUST REPRESENT A SMALLER STATE  
16 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

17 (b) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL APPOINT TWO  
18 MEMBERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WHO ARE NONVOTING  
19 MEMBERS; AND

20 (c) THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
21 ESTABLISHED IN PART 2 OF ARTICLE 80 OF TITLE 24, OR THE PRESIDENT'S  
22 DESIGNEE, WHO IS A NONVOTING MEMBER.

23 (3) COMMISSION MEMBERS SERVE FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS;  
24 EXCEPT THAT, OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED, TWO MEMBERS  
25 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO EACH OF SUBSECTIONS (2)(a)(I), (2)(a)(II), AND  
26 (2)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION AND ONE MEMBER APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
27 SUBSECTION (2)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION, AS DESIGNATED BY THE

1 GOVERNOR, SERVE INITIAL TERMS OF TWO YEARS. THE APPOINTING  
2 OFFICIALS SHALL FILL ANY VACANCIES ON THE COMMISSION FOR THE  
3 REMAINDER OF ANY UNEXPIRED TERM.

4 (4) BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2019, THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET  
5 A MINIMUM OF TWO TIMES PER YEAR AND ADDITIONALLY AS NEEDED IN  
6 CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMUNITY FORUMS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
7 22-1-104 (3)(a).

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

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

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



1           **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2019-20 state fiscal year,  
2           \$37,495 is appropriated to the department of education. This  
3           appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17 (4)(a)  
4           of article IX of the state constitution. To implement this act, the  
5           department may use this appropriation for content specialists.

6           **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
7           determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
8           preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.