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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING TEACHING CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS,**
102 **INCLUDING THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF**
103 **AMERICAN INDIANS, HISPANIC AMERICANS, AFRICAN**
104 **AMERICANS, AND ASIAN AMERICANS, AND, IN CONNECTION**
105 **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

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limited to the history, culture, and contributions of American Indians, Hispanic Americans, African Americans, and Asian Americans.

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 2 years.

The history, culture, and civil government in education commission is established to make recommendations to the state board of education when the state board performs the scheduled review of education standards in 2018 so those standards and programs accurately reflect the history, culture, and civil government of the United States and Colorado, including the contributions and influence of American Indians, Hispanic Americans, African Americans, and Asian Americans.

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) In addition,~~ (1) The history and civil government of the
8 United States AND OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, which includes the
9 history, culture, and contributions of minorities, including, but not limited
10 to, ~~the~~ American Indians, ~~the~~ Hispanic Americans, ~~and the~~ African
11 Americans, ~~shall~~ AND ASIAN AMERICANS, MUST be taught in all the public
12 schools of the state.

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

18 ~~(b) The condition of graduation described in paragraph (a) of this~~

1 subsection (3) shall apply only to students entering their first year of high
2 school on and after August 6, 2003.

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

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

15 (5) (4) (a) In an effort to strengthen the teaching of the history,
16 CULTURE, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT of the state of Colorado and of the
17 United States in all public schools of the state in accordance with the
18 requirements of this section, the department of education, IN
19 CONJUNCTION WITH THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN
20 EDUCATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 22-1-104.3, shall assist
21 the school districts of the state in developing and promoting programs for
22 elementary and secondary students that engage the students in the process
23 of discovery and interpretation of ~~historical topics~~ THE SUBJECTS AND
24 TOPICS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

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

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

12 ~~(6)~~ (5) (a) In an effort to strengthen the teaching of ~~civic education~~
13 HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT, AS DESCRIBED IN
14 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, in all public schools of the state in
15 accordance with the requirements of this section, the department of
16 education, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL
17 GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
18 22-1-104.3, shall assist the school districts of the state in developing and
19 promoting programs for elementary and secondary students that address
20 the state model content standards for HISTORY AND civics and promote
21 best practices ~~in civic education~~ WHILE ALSO ADDRESSING THE SUBJECTS
22 AND TOPICS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (b) It is the intent of the general assembly that the objectives
24 specified in this ~~subsection (6)~~ SUBSECTION (5) are ~~to be~~ funded through
25 the state education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state
26 constitution. The general assembly hereby finds that the development,
27 promotion, and maintenance by the school districts of the state of

1 programs for elementary and secondary students that address the state
2 model content standards for HISTORY AND civics and promote best
3 practices ~~in civic education~~ WHILE ADDRESSING THE SUBJECTS AND TOPICS
4 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION assist these students in
5 meeting state academic standards and may therefore be funded from
6 ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the state education fund.

7 (6) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL TAKE INTO
8 CONSIDERATION ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND
9 CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
10 22-1-104.3 WHEN PERFORMING ITS SIX-YEAR REVIEW OF THE STATE'S
11 EDUCATION STANDARDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-1005 (6).

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

14 **22-1-104.3. History, culture, and civil government in education**
15 **commission - established - membership - duties.** (1) THERE IS
16 ESTABLISHED THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN
17 EDUCATION COMMISSION, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE
18 "COMMISSION". THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO MAKE
19 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
20 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
21 REGULAR SIX-YEAR REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATION STANDARDS AND
22 PROGRAMS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-1005 (6). THE
23 RECOMMENDATIONS MUST SEEK TO FURTHER THE DISCOVERY,
24 INTERPRETATION, AND LEARNING OF THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL
25 GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND COLORADO, INCLUDING THE
26 CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN INDIANS, HISPANIC AMERICANS, AFRICAN
27 AMERICANS, AND ASIAN AMERICANS. THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK

1 COOPERATIVELY AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 EDUCATION AND LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS OF EDUCATION AS DESCRIBED IN
3 SECTION 22-1-104.

4 (2) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15, 2017, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
5 APPOINT, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, THE
6 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION (2). THE
7 COMMISSION CONSISTS OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS AND, TO THE EXTENT
8 PRACTICABLE, MUST INCLUDE PERSONS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE
9 AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND MUST REFLECT THE ETHNIC
10 DIVERSITY OF THE STATE. A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS
11 MUST HAVE EITHER CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE OR EXPERIENCE IN
12 DEVELOPING EDUCATION CONTENT STANDARDS. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
13 COMMISSION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 14 (a) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY;
- 15 (b) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE LATINO COMMUNITY;
- 16 (c) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY;
- 17 (d) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY;
- 18 (e) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AN EDUCATORS' UNION;
- 19 (f) ONE MEMBER FROM AN ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS
20 EITHER SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS OR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS;
- 21 (g) TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING HIGHER EDUCATION. ONE
22 MEMBER MUST REPRESENT A LARGE STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
23 EDUCATION, AND ONE MEMBER MUST REPRESENT A SMALLER STATE
24 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
- 25 (h) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AS
26 DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, WHO ARE NONVOTING
27 MEMBERS; AND

1 (i) THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
2 ESTABLISHED IN PART 2 OF ARTICLE 80 OF TITLE 24, OR HIS OR HER
3 DESIGNEE, WHO IS A NONVOTING MEMBER.

4 (3) COMMISSION MEMBERS SERVE FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS;
5 EXCEPT THAT, OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED, TWO MEMBERS
6 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO EACH OF SUBSECTIONS (2)(a), (2)(b), AND (2)(c)
7 OF THIS SECTION AND ONE MEMBER APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
8 (2)(d) OF THIS SECTION, AS DESIGNATED BY THE APPOINTING OFFICIALS,
9 SERVE INITIAL TERMS OF TWO YEARS. THE APPOINTING OFFICIALS SHALL
10 FILL ANY VACANCIES ON THE COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF ANY
11 UNEXPIRED TERM.

12 (4) BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2017, THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET
13 A MINIMUM OF TWO TIMES PER YEAR AND ADDITIONALLY AS NEEDED IN
14 CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMUNITY FORUMS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
15 22-1-104.

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

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

21 **22-7-1005. Preschool through elementary and secondary**
22 **education - aligned standards - adoption - revisions.** (6) On or before
23 July 1, 2018, and on or before July 1 every six years thereafter, the state
24 board shall review and adopt any appropriate revisions to the preschool
25 through elementary and secondary education standards specified in this
26 section. In adopting revisions, the state board may add or delete one or
27 more of the specific instructional areas based on the needs of the state and

1 changes in national and international academic expectations. In adopting
2 revisions to the standards pursuant to this subsection (6), the state board
3 shall ensure that the standards continue to meet the requirements specified
4 in subsection (3) of this section. IN ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE
5 STANDARDS RELATED TO HISTORY AND CIVICS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
6 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANY RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THE
7 HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION COMMISSION
8 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 22-1-104.3.

9 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,
10 \$37,495 is appropriated to the department of education. This
11 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
12 department may use this appropriation for content specialists.

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