## ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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HB 2760: Holocaust education study committee Sponsor: Representative Hernandez A., LD 20 House Engrossed

## **Overview**

Establishes the Holocaust Education Study Committee (Study Committee).

## **History**

<u>Laws 2021, Chapter 418</u> instructs the State Board of Education (SBE) to include, in course of study and competency requirements, a requirement that students be taught about the Holocaust and other genocides at least twice between the 7th-12th grades (<u>A.R.S. § 15-701.02</u>). Currently, SBE rules require that: 1) students, as part of a social studies course, receive instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides at least once in the 7th or 8th grades; and 2) the one credit of world history/geography required for high school graduation include instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides (A.A.C. <u>R7-2-301</u>, <u>R7-2-302</u>).

## **Provisions**

- 1. Establishes the Study Committee that consists of:
  - a) three Senate members and two SBE members appointed by the Senate President;
  - b) three House of Representatives (House) members, one public schoolteacher and one public university faculty member appointed by the Speaker of the House;
  - c) the Superintendent of Public Instruction or their designee; and
  - d) three public members with expertise in the Holocaust appointed by the Governor.
- 2. Specifies requirements regarding the Senate and House members appointed by the Senate President and Speaker of the House.
- 3. States Study Committee members are ineligible for compensation but specified members are eligible for expense reimbursement.
- 4. Directs the Study Committee to:
  - a) review the course of study and competency requirements that require instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides;
  - b) study how teacher lessons and trainings regarding the Holocaust can be improved;
  - c) study how the public universities can incorporate teachings of the Holocaust into courses and campus engagements; and
  - d) explore how public schools and universities can facilitate speaking engagements for students by survivors, their families and liberators.
- 5. Instructs the Study Committee, by December 15, 2024, to submit a report of its activities and recommendations for legislative action to specified individuals.

6.	Repeals the Study Committee on October 1, 2025.			
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