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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.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

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 contributions of the American Indians,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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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~~
19 ~~subsection (3) shall apply only to students entering their first year of high~~

1 ~~school on and after August 6, 2003.~~

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

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

14 ~~(5)~~ (4) (a) In an effort to strengthen the teaching of the history,
15 CULTURE, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT of the state of Colorado and of the
16 United States in all public schools of the state in accordance with the
17 requirements of this section, the department of education, IN
18 CONJUNCTION WITH THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN
19 EDUCATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 22-1-104.3, shall assist
20 the school districts of the state in developing and promoting programs for
21 elementary and secondary students that engage the students in the process
22 of discovery and interpretation of ~~historical topics~~ THE SUBJECTS AND
23 TOPICS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

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

27 (c) It is the intent of the general assembly that the objectives

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

10 ~~(6)~~ (5) (a) In an effort to strengthen the teaching of ~~civic education~~
11 HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT, AS DESCRIBED IN
12 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, in all public schools of the state in
13 accordance with the requirements of this section, the department of
14 education, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL
15 GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
16 22-1-104.3, shall assist the school districts of the state in developing and
17 promoting programs for elementary and secondary students that address
18 the state model content standards for civics and promote best practices in
19 civic education WHILE ALSO ADDRESSING THE SUBJECTS AND TOPICS
20 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (b) It is the intent of the general assembly that the objectives
22 specified in this ~~subsection (6)~~ SUBSECTION (5) are to be funded through
23 the state education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state
24 constitution. The general assembly hereby finds that the development,
25 promotion, and maintenance by the school districts of the state of
26 programs for elementary and secondary students that address the state
27 model content standards for civics and promote best practices in civic

1 education WHILE ADDRESSING THE SUBJECTS AND TOPICS DESCRIBED IN
2 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION assist these students in meeting state
3 academic standards and may therefore be funded from moneys in the state
4 education fund.

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

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

12 **22-1-104.3. History, culture, and civil government in education**
13 **commission - established - membership - duties.** (1) THERE IS
14 ESTABLISHED THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN
15 EDUCATION COMMISSION, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE
16 "COMMISSION". THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO MAKE
17 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
18 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
19 REGULAR SIX-YEAR REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATION STANDARDS AND
20 PROGRAMS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-1005 (6). THE
21 RECOMMENDATIONS MUST SEEK TO FURTHER THE DISCOVERY,
22 INTERPRETATION, AND LEARNING OF THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL
23 GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND COLORADO, INCLUDING THE
24 CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN INDIANS, HISPANIC AMERICANS, AFRICAN
25 AMERICANS, AND ASIAN AMERICANS. THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK
26 COOPERATIVELY AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
27 EDUCATION AND LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS OF EDUCATION AS DESCRIBED IN

1 SECTION 22-1-104.

2 (2) (a) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF FIFTEEN
3 MEMBERS AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, MUST INCLUDE PERSONS
4 FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND
5 MUST REFLECT THE ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE. A MAJORITY OF THE
6 COMMISSION MEMBERS MUST HAVE EITHER CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE OR
7 EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING EDUCATION CONTENT STANDARDS. THE
8 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 9 (I) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY;
- 10 (II) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE LATINO COMMUNITY;
- 11 (III) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY;
- 12 (IV) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY;
- 13 (V) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AN EDUCATORS' UNION;
- 14 (VI) ONE MEMBER FROM AN ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS
15 EITHER SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS OR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS;
- 16 (VII) TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING HIGHER EDUCATION. ONE
17 MEMBER MUST REPRESENT A LARGE STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION, AND ONE MEMBER MUST REPRESENT A SMALLER STATE
19 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
- 20 (VIII) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AS
21 DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, WHO ARE NONVOTING
22 MEMBERS; AND
- 23 (IX) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HISTORY COLORADO, OR HIS OR
24 HER DESIGNEE, WHO IS A NONVOTING MEMBER.

25 (b) THE MEMBERS MUST BE APPOINTED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15,
26 2016, AS FOLLOWS:

- 27 (I) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT THE TWO

1 MEMBERS DESIGNATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS
2 SUBSECTION (2);

3 (II) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL
4 APPOINT THE TWO MEMBERS DESIGNATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF
5 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2);

6 (III) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT THE
7 MEMBER DESIGNATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (V) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS
8 SUBSECTION (2);

9 (IV) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBER DESIGNATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (VI) OF
11 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2);

12 (V) THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT SHALL
13 APPOINT THE FOUR MEMBERS DESIGNATED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (III) AND
14 (IV) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2); AND

15 (VI) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE TWO MEMBERS
16 DESIGNATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (VII) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS
17 SUBSECTION (2).

18 (3) COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FOR TERMS OF FOUR
19 YEARS; EXCEPT THAT, OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED, TWO MEMBERS
20 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO EACH OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (I), (II), AND (III) OF
21 PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION AND ONE MEMBER
22 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF
23 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AS DESIGNATED BY THE APPOINTING
24 OFFICIALS, SHALL 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 SEPTEMBER 2016, 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.

4 (5) COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION
5 BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES
6 INCURRED 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 CIVIL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
21 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANY RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THE
22 HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION COMMISSION
23 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.