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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the State Education Establishment Act of 2000 to require the Office of the State Superintendent of Education to develop a curriculum for secondary institutions that include the historic contributions of Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and any other collective community of faith that helped shape America in history.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the “Collective Faith Community Historic Contribution Curriculum Inclusion Amendment Act of 2024”.

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Sec. 2. Section 2 of the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective October 21, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-176; D.C. Official Code § 38-2602), is amended by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

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“(d)(1)(A) Beginning in the school year commencing in August 2025, and each year thereafter, OSSE shall include historic contributions to American History of the Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and any other collective community of

45 faith as part of the curriculum at secondary District of Columbia Public or Charter
46 Schools.
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48 “(B) OSSE, in consultation with the State Board of Education and the Office of
49 Religious Affairs, shall develop the materials for a collective communities of faith
50 contributions to shaping American history course which may incorporate relevant
51 existing public or private materials, personnel and other resources, including individuals
52 and organizations that have subject matter and teaching expertise in religion or religious
53 studies and have previously developed and implemented a relevant curriculum.
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60 “(C) No later than August 2025, the course shall be approved and count as on of
61 the 4.0 Carnegie Units required for promotion to graduation pursuant to section 2203.3(b)
62 of Title 5 District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (5 DCMR 2203.3(b)).”
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67 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

68 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the
69 fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act
70 of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).
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75 Sec.4. Effective date.

76 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto
77 by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of
78 congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home
79 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
80 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the district of Columbia Register.
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