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INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, ARGALL, BROWN, HUTCHINSON AND AUMENT, MAY 17, 2024

SENATOR ARGALL, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 9, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in terms and courses of study,
6 further providing for REPEALING PROVISIONS RELATING TO <--
7 Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations instruction
8 AND PROVIDING FOR HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS <--
9 VIOLATIONS INSTRUCTION REQUIRED.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 1554 of the act of March 10, 1949 <--
13 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
14 amended to read:

15 Section 1554. Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights
16 Violations Instruction. (a) (1) Beginning with school year
17 {2015 2016} 2025 2026, each school entity [may] shall offer
18 instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and human rights
19 violations to students. The instruction shall equate to at least
20 seven hours within a school year and be integrated within the
21 social studies and language arts courses of study required in

1 ~~accordance with State Board of Education regulations.~~

2 ~~Instruction may also be integrated into other appropriate~~
3 ~~courses of study.~~

4 ~~(2) The Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations~~
5 ~~instruction permitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall:~~

6 ~~(i) Be age appropriate.~~

7 ~~(ii) Be sequential in method of study.~~

8 ~~(iii) Communicate the connection between national, ethnic,~~
9 ~~racial or religious intolerance and the subjects described in~~
10 ~~subsection (b).~~

11 ~~(iv) Communicate the impact of personal responsibility,~~
12 ~~civic engagement and societal response within the context of the~~
13 ~~subjects described in subsection (b).~~

14 ~~(3) School entities may utilize any appropriate public or~~
15 ~~private materials, personnel and other resources in developing~~
16 ~~and implementing the program of instruction permitted pursuant~~
17 ~~to paragraph (1). The Department of Education shall distribute~~
18 ~~information about appropriate curriculum materials to each~~
19 ~~school entity. School entities may utilize any curriculum that~~
20 ~~complies with the requirements of this subsection.~~

21 ~~(b) (1) The Department of Education shall establish~~
22 ~~curriculum guidelines no later than twelve (12) months after the~~
23 ~~effective date of this section. The guidelines shall encourage~~
24 ~~the inclusion of all of the following subjects where appropriate~~
25 ~~in the instruction:~~

26 ~~(i) The breadth of the history of the Holocaust, including~~
27 ~~the Third Reich dictatorship, concentration camp system,~~
28 ~~persecution of Jews and non Jews, Jewish and non Jewish~~
29 ~~resistance and post World War II trials.~~

30 ~~(ii) The definition, history, response and actions taken in~~

1 ~~the face of genocide, including the Holocaust and any other~~
2 ~~genocide perpetrated against humanity, including the Rwandan~~
3 ~~genocide and other genocides committed in Africa, Asia and~~
4 ~~Europe.~~

5 ~~(iii) Human rights violations.~~

6 ~~(iv) Anti-Semitism, racism and the abridgment of civil~~
7 ~~rights.~~

8 ~~(2) The Department of Education shall work in consultation~~
9 ~~with organizations and individuals that provide educational~~
10 ~~expertise and resources related to the Holocaust, genocide and~~
11 ~~human rights violations to develop the curriculum guidelines.~~
12 ~~The guidelines shall state the minimum amount of instruction~~
13 ~~necessary to adequately educate students on the Holocaust,~~
14 ~~genocide and human rights violations. The guidelines shall be~~
15 ~~posted on the Department of Education's publicly accessible~~
16 ~~Internet website.~~

17 ~~(c) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the Department~~
18 ~~of Education shall make available, to all school entities, in~~
19 ~~service training programs based upon the instruction provided~~
20 ~~for under subsection (a) and the curriculum guidelines~~
21 ~~established pursuant to subsection (b).~~

22 ~~(d) (1) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, each~~
23 ~~school entity providing instruction under subsection (a) shall~~
24 ~~provide, as part of its in service training, programs on the~~
25 ~~Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations for all~~
26 ~~instructors whose teaching responsibilities include courses of~~
27 ~~study in which instruction concerning the Holocaust, genocide~~
28 ~~and human rights violations is integrated. A school entity may~~
29 ~~utilize the programs made available by the Department of~~
30 ~~Education or use other alternative programs that are consistent~~

1 ~~with the provisions of this section.~~

2 ~~(2) Employees required to complete continuing professional~~
3 ~~education under section 1205.2 shall receive credit toward the~~
4 ~~continuing professional education requirements where the~~
5 ~~training program provided pursuant to paragraph (1) has been~~
6 ~~approved by the Department of Education.~~

7 ~~(e) The Department of Education shall provide the~~
8 ~~guidelines, in service training and any other materials~~
9 ~~developed in accordance with this section to any nonpublic~~
10 ~~school within this Commonwealth upon receiving a request from~~
11 ~~the nonpublic school.~~

12 ~~(f) The State Board of Education shall:~~

13 ~~(1) Conduct a study regarding the manner in which~~
14 ~~instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and human rights~~
15 ~~violations is offered by school entities in this Commonwealth.~~
16 ~~In conducting the study, the State Board of Education shall~~
17 ~~request that each school entity provide the State Board of~~
18 ~~Education with information concerning whether the school entity~~
19 ~~offers such instruction and the manner in which such instruction~~
20 ~~is offered. Each school entity shall provide information to the~~
21 ~~State Board of Education in response to a request under this~~
22 ~~paragraph. Following the [2016 2017] 2026 2027 school year, but~~
23 ~~not later than November 30, [2017] 2027, the State Board of~~
24 ~~Education shall issue a report to the Governor, the Secretary of~~
25 ~~Education, the Chairman and Minority Chairman of the Education~~
26 ~~Committee of the Senate and the Chairman and Minority Chairman~~
27 ~~of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives~~
28 ~~addressing the following:~~

29 ~~(i) The number of school entities offering instruction in~~
30 ~~the Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations.~~

1 ~~(ii) The number of school entities using the curriculum~~
2 ~~guidelines established by the Department of Education under~~
3 ~~subsection (b).~~

4 ~~(iii) The number of school entities using the in service~~
5 ~~training programs made available by the Department of Education~~
6 ~~under subsection (c).~~

7 ~~(iv) A description of the manner in which school entities~~
8 ~~are offering instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and human~~
9 ~~rights violations, including the number of hours of instruction~~
10 ~~offered, the grade levels at which such instruction is offered~~
11 ~~and the course within such instruction is integrated.~~

12 ~~(v) The recommendations for improvements to the offering of~~
13 ~~instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and human rights~~
14 ~~violations, including recommended legislation.~~

15 ~~(2) Adopt a regulation, pursuant to the act of June 25, 1982~~
16 ~~(P.L.633, No.181), known as the "Regulatory Review Act," to~~
17 ~~require school entities to offer instruction in the Holocaust,~~
18 ~~genocide and human rights violations that is consistent with~~
19 ~~subsections (a) and (b) [, if the study conducted by the State~~
20 ~~Board of Education under paragraph (1) demonstrates that less~~
21 ~~than ninety percent of the school entities are offering~~
22 ~~instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and human rights~~
23 ~~violations consistent with subsections (a) and (b)].~~

24 ~~(3) Adopt rules and regulations necessary for the~~
25 ~~implementation of this section pursuant to the "Regulatory~~
26 ~~Review Act."~~

27 ~~(g) [For purposes of this section, the term "school entity"~~
28 ~~shall mean a school district, charter school, regional charter~~
29 ~~school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit or area career~~
30 ~~and technical school.] The following shall apply to curriculum~~

1 ~~transparency:~~

2 ~~(1) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each school~~
3 ~~year thereafter, a school entity shall post an Internet link or~~
4 ~~title for every textbook used by the school entity, a course~~
5 ~~syllabus or a written summary of the Holocaust, genocide and~~
6 ~~human rights violations curriculum offered by the school entity~~
7 ~~on the school entity's publicly accessible Internet website.~~

8 ~~(2) The chief school administrator or a designee shall be~~
9 ~~responsible for implementing the requirements under this~~
10 ~~subsection.~~

11 ~~(3) The requirements of this subsection shall not be~~
12 ~~construed to require a school entity to violate the copyright,~~
13 ~~trademark or other intellectual property right of the creator or~~
14 ~~owner of the curriculum.~~

15 ~~(h) As used in this section, the following words and phrases~~
16 ~~shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless~~
17 ~~the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

18 ~~"Genocide." The term includes any of the following acts~~
19 ~~committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a~~
20 ~~national, ethnic, racial or religious group:~~

21 ~~(1) Killing members of the group.~~

22 ~~(2) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the~~
23 ~~group.~~

24 ~~(3) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life~~
25 ~~calculated to bring about the group's physical destruction, in~~
26 ~~whole or in part.~~

27 ~~(4) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the~~
28 ~~group.~~

29 ~~(5) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another~~
30 ~~group.~~

1 ~~"Holocaust." The systematic, state sponsored persecution and~~
2 ~~attempted annihilation of Jewish individuals and other groups by~~
3 ~~the Nazi regime in Germany between 1933 and 1945, which resulted~~
4 ~~in the murder of approximately six million (6,000,000) Jewish~~
5 ~~individuals and five million (5,000,000) other individuals.~~

6 ~~"School entity." A school district, charter school, regional~~
7 ~~charter school, cyber charter school or intermediate unit.~~

8 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

9 SECTION 1. SECTION 1554 OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 <--
10 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, IS
11 REPEALED:

12 [SECTION 1554. HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
13 VIOLATIONS INSTRUCTION.-- (A) (1) BEGINNING WITH SCHOOL YEAR
14 2015-2016, EACH SCHOOL ENTITY MAY OFFER INSTRUCTION IN THE
15 HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TO STUDENTS. THE
16 INSTRUCTION SHALL BE INTEGRATED WITHIN THE SOCIAL STUDIES AND
17 LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES OF STUDY REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE
18 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULATIONS. INSTRUCTION MAY ALSO BE
19 INTEGRATED INTO OTHER APPROPRIATE COURSES OF STUDY.

20 (2) THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
21 INSTRUCTION PERMITTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL:

22 (I) BE AGE APPROPRIATE.

23 (II) BE SEQUENTIAL IN METHOD OF STUDY.

24 (III) COMMUNICATE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN NATIONAL, ETHNIC,
25 RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE AND THE SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN
26 SUBSECTION (B).

27 (IV) COMMUNICATE THE IMPACT OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY,
28 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIETAL RESPONSE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE
29 SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B).

30 (3) SCHOOL ENTITIES MAY UTILIZE ANY APPROPRIATE PUBLIC OR

1 PRIVATE MATERIALS, PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES IN DEVELOPING
2 AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION PERMITTED PURSUANT
3 TO PARAGRAPH (1). THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DISTRIBUTE
4 INFORMATION ABOUT APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM MATERIALS TO EACH
5 SCHOOL ENTITY. SCHOOL ENTITIES MAY UTILIZE ANY CURRICULUM THAT
6 COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

7 (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH
8 CURRICULUM GUIDELINES NO LATER THAN TWELVE (12) MONTHS AFTER THE
9 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. THE GUIDELINES SHALL ENCOURAGE
10 THE INCLUSION OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WHERE APPROPRIATE
11 IN THE INSTRUCTION:

12 (I) THE BREADTH OF THE HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST, INCLUDING
13 THE THIRD REICH DICTATORSHIP, CONCENTRATION CAMP SYSTEM,
14 PERSECUTION OF JEWS AND NON-JEWS, JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH
15 RESISTANCE AND POST-WORLD WAR II TRIALS.

16 (II) THE DEFINITION, HISTORY, RESPONSE AND ACTIONS TAKEN IN
17 THE FACE OF GENOCIDE, INCLUDING THE HOLOCAUST AND ANY OTHER
18 GENOCIDE PERPETRATED AGAINST HUMANITY, INCLUDING THE RWANDAN
19 GENOCIDE AND OTHER GENOCIDES COMMITTED IN AFRICA, ASIA AND
20 EUROPE.

21 (III) HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

22 (IV) ANTI-SEMITISM, RACISM AND THE ABRIDGMENT OF CIVIL
23 RIGHTS.

24 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL WORK IN CONSULTATION
25 WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL
26 EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES RELATED TO THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND
27 HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TO DEVELOP THE CURRICULUM GUIDELINES.
28 THE GUIDELINES SHALL STATE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INSTRUCTION
29 NECESSARY TO ADEQUATELY EDUCATE STUDENTS ON THE HOLOCAUST,
30 GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

1 (C) BEGINNING WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF EDUCATION SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE, TO ALL SCHOOL ENTITIES, IN-
3 SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMS BASED UPON THE INSTRUCTION PROVIDED
4 FOR UNDER SUBSECTION (A) AND THE CURRICULUM GUIDELINES
5 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (B).

6 (D) (1) BEGINNING WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH
7 SCHOOL ENTITY PROVIDING INSTRUCTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL
8 PROVIDE, AS PART OF ITS IN-SERVICE TRAINING, PROGRAMS ON THE
9 HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS FOR ALL
10 INSTRUCTORS WHOSE TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE COURSES OF
11 STUDY IN WHICH INSTRUCTION CONCERNING THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE
12 AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IS INTEGRATED. A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY
13 UTILIZE THE PROGRAMS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 EDUCATION OR USE OTHER ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE CONSISTENT
15 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

16 (2) EMPLOYEES REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
17 EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 1205.2 SHALL RECEIVE CREDIT TOWARD THE
18 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS WHERE THE
19 TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (1) HAS BEEN
20 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

21 (E) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE
22 GUIDELINES, IN-SERVICE TRAINING AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS
23 DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION TO ANY NONPUBLIC
24 SCHOOL WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH UPON RECEIVING A REQUEST FROM
25 THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.

26 (F) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL:

27 (1) CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING THE MANNER IN WHICH
28 INSTRUCTION IN THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
29 VIOLATIONS IS OFFERED BY SCHOOL ENTITIES IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.
30 IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL

1 REQUEST THAT EACH SCHOOL ENTITY PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF
2 EDUCATION WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING WHETHER THE SCHOOL ENTITY
3 OFFERS SUCH INSTRUCTION AND THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH INSTRUCTION
4 IS OFFERED. EACH SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE
5 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST UNDER THIS
6 PARAGRAPH. FOLLOWING THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR, BUT NOT LATER
7 THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2017, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ISSUE
8 A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, THE
9 CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE
10 SENATE AND THE CHAIRMAN AND MINORITY CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION
11 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ADDRESSING THE
12 FOLLOWING:

13 (I) THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL ENTITIES OFFERING INSTRUCTION IN
14 THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

15 (II) THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL ENTITIES USING THE CURRICULUM
16 GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER
17 SUBSECTION (B).

18 (III) THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL ENTITIES USING THE IN-SERVICE
19 TRAINING PROGRAMS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
20 UNDER SUBSECTION (C).

21 (IV) A DESCRIPTION OF THE MANNER IN WHICH SCHOOL ENTITIES
22 ARE OFFERING INSTRUCTION IN THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN
23 RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF INSTRUCTION
24 OFFERED, THE GRADE LEVELS AT WHICH SUCH INSTRUCTION IS OFFERED
25 AND THE COURSE WITHIN SUCH INSTRUCTION IS INTEGRATED.

26 (V) THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OFFERING OF
27 INSTRUCTION IN THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
28 VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION.

29 (2) ADOPT A REGULATION, PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF JUNE 25, 1982
30 (P.L.633, NO.181), KNOWN AS THE "REGULATORY REVIEW ACT," TO

1 REQUIRE SCHOOL ENTITIES TO OFFER INSTRUCTION IN THE HOLOCAUST,
2 GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH
3 SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B), IF THE STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE STATE
4 BOARD OF EDUCATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) DEMONSTRATES THAT LESS
5 THAN NINETY PERCENT OF THE SCHOOL ENTITIES ARE OFFERING
6 INSTRUCTION IN THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
7 VIOLATIONS CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B).

8 (3) ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE
9 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION PURSUANT TO THE "REGULATORY
10 REVIEW ACT."

11 (G) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "SCHOOL ENTITY"
12 SHALL MEAN A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER
13 SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL, INTERMEDIATE UNIT OR AREA CAREER
14 AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL.]

15 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

16 SECTION 1554.1 HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
17 VIOLATIONS INSTRUCTION REQUIRED.--(A) (1) BEGINNING WITH
18 SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026, A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL OFFER INSTRUCTION
19 IN THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TO
20 STUDENTS. THE INSTRUCTION SHALL BE INTEGRATED WITHIN THE SOCIAL
21 STUDIES AND LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES OF STUDY REQUIRED IN
22 ACCORDANCE WITH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULATIONS.
23 INSTRUCTION MAY ALSO BE INTEGRATED INTO OTHER APPROPRIATE
24 COURSES OF STUDY.

25 (2) THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
26 INSTRUCTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL:

27 (I) BE AGE APPROPRIATE.

28 (II) BE SEQUENTIAL IN METHOD OF STUDY.

29 (III) COMMUNICATE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN NATIONAL, ETHNIC,
30 RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE AND THE SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN

1 SUBSECTION (B).

2 (IV) COMMUNICATE THE IMPACT OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY,
3 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIETAL RESPONSE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE
4 SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B).

5 (3) A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY UTILIZE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC OR
6 PRIVATE MATERIALS, PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES IN DEVELOPING
7 AND IMPLEMENTING THE INSTRUCTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1). THE
8 DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ABOUT APPROPRIATE
9 CURRICULUM MATERIALS TO SCHOOL ENTITIES. A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY
10 UTILIZE ANY CURRICULUM THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
11 THIS SUBSECTION.

12 (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW AND UPDATE EXISTING
13 CURRICULUM GUIDELINES AS NECESSARY. THE GUIDELINES SHALL
14 ENCOURAGE THE INCLUSION OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WHERE
15 APPROPRIATE IN THE INSTRUCTION:

16 (I) THE BREADTH OF THE HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST, INCLUDING
17 THE THIRD REICH DICTATORSHIP, CONCENTRATION CAMP SYSTEM,
18 PERSECUTION OF JEWS AND NON-JEWS, JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH
19 RESISTANCE AND POST-WORLD WAR II TRIALS.

20 (II) THE DEFINITION, HISTORY, RESPONSE AND ACTIONS TAKEN IN
21 THE FACE OF GENOCIDE, INCLUDING THE HOLOCAUST AND ANY OTHER
22 GENOCIDE PERPETRATED AGAINST HUMANITY, INCLUDING THE RWANDAN
23 GENOCIDE AND OTHER GENOCIDES COMMITTED IN AFRICA, ASIA AND
24 EUROPE.

25 (III) HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

26 (IV) ANTI-SEMITISM, RACISM AND THE ABRIDGMENT OF CIVIL
27 RIGHTS.

28 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK IN CONSULTATION WITH
29 ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL EXPERTISE
30 AND RESOURCES RELATED TO THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN

1 RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TO REVIEW AND UPDATE EXISTING CURRICULUM
2 GUIDELINES AS NECESSARY. THE GUIDELINES SHALL STATE THE MINIMUM
3 AMOUNT OF INSTRUCTION NECESSARY TO ADEQUATELY EDUCATE STUDENTS
4 ON THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE
5 GUIDELINES SHALL BE POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY
6 ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

7 (C) BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT
8 SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL ENTITIES IN-SERVICE TRAINING
9 PROGRAMS BASED UPON THE INSTRUCTION PROVIDED FOR UNDER
10 SUBSECTION (A) AND THE CURRICULUM GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED
11 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (B).

12 (D) (1) BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL
13 ENTITY PROVIDING INSTRUCTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL PROVIDE
14 AS PART OF ITS IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMS ON THE HOLOCAUST,
15 GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS FOR ALL INSTRUCTORS WHOSE
16 TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE COURSES OF STUDY IN WHICH
17 INSTRUCTION CONCERNING THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
18 VIOLATIONS IS INTEGRATED. A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY UTILIZE THE
19 PROGRAMS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT OR USE OTHER
20 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION.

21 (2) AN EMPLOYEE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
22 EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 1205.2 SHALL RECEIVE CREDIT TOWARD THE
23 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS WHERE THE
24 TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) HAS BEEN APPROVED
25 BY THE DEPARTMENT.

26 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE GUIDELINES, IN-SERVICE
27 TRAINING AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
28 THIS SECTION TO A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH UPON
29 RECEIVING A REQUEST FROM THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.

30 (F) (1) BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH

1 SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL POST ON THE SCHOOL
2 ENTITY'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE AN INTERNET LINK
3 OR TITLE FOR RESOURCES USED BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY FOR HOLOCAUST,
4 GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS INSTRUCTION, A COURSE
5 SYLLABUS OR A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE AND
6 HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS CURRICULUM OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL ENTITY.

7 (2) THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OR A DESIGNEE SHALL
8 IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION.

9 (3) THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A
10 SCHOOL ENTITY TO VIOLATE THE COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK OR OTHER
11 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT OF THE CREATOR OR OWNER OF THE
12 CURRICULUM.

13 (G) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
14 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
15 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

16 "ANTI-SEMITISM." A CERTAIN PERCEPTION OF JEWS, WHICH MAY BE
17 EXPRESSED AS HATRED TOWARD JEWS, IN THE FORM OF RHETORICAL AND
18 PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS DIRECTED TOWARD JEWISH OR NON-JEWISH
19 INDIVIDUALS, THEIR PROPERTY, JEWISH COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS OR
20 RELIGIOUS FACILITIES.

21 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
22 COMMONWEALTH.

23 "GENOCIDE." THE TERM INCLUDES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTS
24 COMMITTED WITH THE INTENT TO DESTROY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, A
25 NATIONAL, ETHNIC, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUP:

26 (1) KILLING MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

27 (2) CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY OR MENTAL HARM TO MEMBERS OF THE
28 GROUP.

29 (3) DELIBERATELY INFLICTING ON THE GROUP CONDITIONS OF LIFE
30 CALCULATED TO BRING ABOUT THE GROUP'S PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION, IN

1 WHOLE OR IN PART.

2 (4) IMPOSING MEASURES INTENDED TO PREVENT BIRTHS WITHIN THE
3 GROUP.

4 (5) FORCIBLY TRANSFERRING CHILDREN OF THE GROUP TO ANOTHER
5 GROUP.

6 "HOLOCAUST." THE SYSTEMATIC, STATE-SPONSORED PERSECUTION AND
7 ATTEMPTED ANNIHILATION OF JEWISH INDIVIDUALS AND OTHER GROUPS BY
8 THE NAZI REGIME IN GERMANY BETWEEN 1933 AND 1945, WHICH RESULTED
9 IN THE MURDER OF APPROXIMATELY SIX MILLION (6,000,000) JEWISH
10 INDIVIDUALS AND FIVE MILLION (5,000,000) OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

11 "SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL
12 CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL, INTERMEDIATE UNIT OR AREA
13 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

14 SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

15 (1) THE REPEAL OF SECTION 1554 OF THE ACT SHALL TAKE
16 EFFECT JUNE 30, 2025.

17 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
18 IMMEDIATELY.