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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5349

[Report No. 118-255]

To develop and disseminate a civic education curriculum and oral history resources regarding certain political ideologies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

Ms. SALAZAR (for herself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. BOST, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. STEEL, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. FERGUSON, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Mr. SELF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Additional sponsors: Mr. GUEST, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. HUDSON

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 5, 2023]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Crucial Communism*
5 *Teaching Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 *The purposes of this Act are the following:*

8 (1) *To help families, civic institutions, local*
9 *communities, local educational agencies, high schools,*
10 *and State educational agencies to prepare high school*
11 *students to be civically responsible and knowledgeable*
12 *adults.*

13 (2) *To ensure that high school students in the*
14 *United States—*

15 (A) *learn that communism has led to the*
16 *deaths of over 100,000,000 victims worldwide;*

17 (B) *understand the dangers of communism*
18 *and similar political ideologies; and*

19 (C) *understand that 1,500,000,000 people*
20 *still suffer under communism.*

21 **SEC. 3. DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF CIVIC EDU-**
22 **CATION CURRICULUM AND ORAL HISTORY**
23 **RESOURCES.**

24 *The independent entity created under section*
25 *905(b)(1)(B) of the FRIENDSHIP Act (40 U.S.C. 8903*

1 *note; 107 Stat. 2331 note), also known as the “Victims of*
2 *Communism Memorial Foundation”, shall—*

3 *(1) develop a civic education curriculum for high*
4 *school students that—*

5 *(A) includes a comparative discussion of*
6 *certain political ideologies, including com-*
7 *munism and totalitarianism, that conflict with*
8 *the principles of freedom and democracy that are*
9 *essential to the founding of the United States;*

10 *(B) is accurate, relevant, and accessible, so*
11 *as to promote the understanding of such political*
12 *ideologies; and*

13 *(C) is compatible with a variety of courses,*
14 *including social studies, government, history,*
15 *and economics classes;*

16 *(2) develop oral history resources that may be*
17 *used alongside the curriculum described in paragraph*
18 *(1) and that include personal stories, titled “Portraits*
19 *in Patriotism”, from diverse individuals who—*

20 *(A) demonstrate civic-minded qualities;*

21 *(B) are victims of the political ideologies*
22 *described in paragraph (1)(A); and*

23 *(C) are able to compare the political*
24 *ideologies described in paragraph (1)(A) with the*
25 *political ideology of the United States; and*

1 (3) *engage with State and local educational lead-*
2 *ers to assist high schools in using the curriculum de-*
3 *scribed in paragraph (1) and the resources described*
4 *in paragraph (2).*

5 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

6 *The terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-*
7 *ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801) shall apply*
8 *to this Act.*

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