
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5023

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa, Conway, Frockt, Wellman, Wilson, C., and Saldaña)

1 AN ACT Relating to ethnic studies materials and resources for
2 public school students; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW;
3 creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature stated in RCW 28A.150.210
6 that a "basic education is an evolving program of instruction that is
7 intended to provide students with the opportunity to become
8 responsible and respectful global citizens." In order to prepare
9 students to be global citizens, the legislature intends to require
10 the office of the superintendent of public instruction to identify
11 and make available ethnic studies materials and resources for use in
12 grades seven through twelve. The legislature also intends to
13 encourage public schools with students in grades seven through twelve
14 to offer an ethnic studies course that incorporates the materials and
15 resources.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) By September 1, 2020, the office of the superintendent of
19 public instruction shall identify and make available ethnic studies
20 materials and resources for use in grades seven through twelve. The

1 materials and resources must be designed to prepare students to be
2 global citizens in a global society with an appreciation for the
3 contributions of multiple cultures. The materials and resources must
4 be posted on the office of the superintendent of public instruction's
5 web site.

6 (2) Public schools with students in grades seven through twelve
7 are encouraged to offer an ethnic studies course that incorporates
8 the materials and resources identified under subsection (1) of this
9 section.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1)(a) To aid in the identification of
11 ethnic studies materials and resources required under section 2 of
12 this act, the superintendent of public instruction must establish an
13 ethnic studies advisory committee.

14 (b) The ethnic studies advisory committee must advise, assist,
15 and make recommendations to the office of the superintendent of
16 public instruction regarding the identification of ethnic studies
17 materials and resources required under section 2 of this act.

18 (c) The ethnic studies advisory committee must develop a
19 framework to support the teaching of ethnic studies to students in
20 grades seven through twelve.

21 (d) The ethnic studies advisory committee must be composed of a
22 majority of educators with experience in teaching ethnic studies from
23 public high schools and institutions of higher education, including
24 educators representing the Washington state commissions on African
25 American affairs, Asian Pacific American affairs, and Hispanic
26 affairs, and the governor's office of Indian affairs.

27 (2) This section expires June 30, 2021.

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