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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHUPP.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 161.700, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to holocaust education and awareness.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 161.700, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.700, to read as follows:

161.700. 1. This section shall be known as the "Holocaust Education and Awareness Commission Act".

2. There is hereby created a permanent state commission known as the "Holocaust Education and Awareness Commission". The commission shall be housed in the department of elementary and secondary education and shall promote implementation of holocaust education and awareness programs in Missouri in order to encourage understanding of the holocaust and discourage bigotry.

3. The commission shall be composed of twelve members to be appointed by the governor with advice and consent of the senate. The makeup of the commission shall be:

- (1) The commissioner of higher education;
- (2) The commissioner of elementary and secondary education;
- (3) The president of the University of Missouri system; and
- (4) Nine members of the public, representative of the diverse religious and ethnic heritage groups populating Missouri.

4. The holocaust education and awareness commission may receive such funds as appropriated from public moneys or contributed to it by private sources. It may sponsor programs or publications to educate the public about the crimes

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 of genocide in an effort to deter indifference to crimes against humanity and
21 human suffering wherever they occur.

22 5. The term "holocaust" shall be defined as the period from 1933 through
23 1945 when six million Jews and millions of others were murdered [in Nazi
24 concentration camps] as part of a structured, state-sanctioned program of
25 genocide.

26 6. The commission may employ an executive director and such other
27 persons to carry out its functions.

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