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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 161.700, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to
Holocaust education, with an emergency clause.

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Section A. Section 161.700, RSMo, is repealed and one new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

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

3 2. There is hereby created a permanent state
4 commission known as the "Holocaust Education and Awareness
5 Commission". The commission shall be housed in the
6 department of elementary and secondary education and shall
7 promote implementation of [holocaust] **Holocaust** education
8 and awareness programs in Missouri in order to encourage
9 understanding of the [holocaust] **Holocaust** and discourage
10 bigotry.

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

14 (1) The commissioner of higher education;

15 (2) The commissioner of elementary and secondary
16 education;

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

17 (3) The president of the University of Missouri
18 system; and

19 (4) Nine members of the public, representative of the
20 diverse religious and ethnic heritage groups populating
21 Missouri.

22 4. The **[holocaust] Holocaust** education and awareness
23 commission may receive such funds as appropriated from
24 public moneys or contributed to it by private sources. **[It]**
25 **The commission** may sponsor programs or publications to
26 educate the public about the crimes of genocide in an effort
27 to deter indifference to crimes against humanity and human
28 suffering wherever they occur.

29 5. The term **["holocaust"] "Holocaust"** shall be defined
30 as the **[period from 1933 through 1945 when] systematic,**
31 **state-sponsored persecution and murder of** six million Jews
32 **[and millions of others were murdered]** by **the** Nazi **[Germany]**
33 **regime** and its **allies and** collaborators **[as part of a**
34 **structured, state-sanctioned program of genocide]** **during the**
35 **period from 1933 through 1945.**

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

38 7. (1) **To educate students about the Holocaust and**
39 **inspire in students a sense of responsibility to recognize**
40 **and uphold human value and to prevent future atrocities, the**
41 **second week in April shall be designated as "Holocaust**
42 **Education Week".**

43 (2) **Holocaust education shall be taught during a week**
44 **as determined by each school district and shall include age-**
45 **appropriate instruction to elementary school students not**
46 **lower than the sixth grade and high school students as**
47 **determined by each school district. Such instruction shall**
48 **include, but not be limited to:**

49 (a) Information providing a historical understanding
50 of the Holocaust to offer context for the discussion of how
51 and why the Holocaust happened;

52 (b) Participation, in person or using technology, in
53 learning projects about the Holocaust; and

54 (c) The use of materials developed or supported by the
55 Holocaust education and awareness commission, the United
56 States Holocaust Memorial Museum, or the St. Louis Kaplan
57 Feldman Holocaust Museum.

58 (3) Based on the instructional materials provided
59 under paragraph (c) of subdivision (2) of this subsection,
60 the department of elementary and secondary education shall
61 develop a curriculum framework of instruction for studying
62 the Holocaust. The department shall make such curriculum
63 framework available to up to twenty-five school districts or
64 schools within a district, with at least one district or
65 school within each of the nine regional professional
66 development centers, as defined by the department, as a
67 pilot program in consultation with the Holocaust education
68 and awareness commission beginning in the 2023-2024 school
69 year.

70 (4) Each school district participating in the pilot
71 program shall adopt the curriculum framework provided by the
72 department under subdivision (3) of this subsection in the
73 2023-2024 school year. Each school district shall determine
74 the minimum amount of instruction time that qualifies as a
75 unit of instruction satisfying the requirements of this
76 subsection.

77 (5) Each participating school district shall provide a
78 plan of professional development for teachers to ensure such
79 teachers are adequately prepared to provide the instruction
80 required under this subsection.

81 (6) This subsection shall apply to schools
82 participating in the pilot program starting in the 2023-2024
83 school year and the program shall be expanded in all
84 subsequent school years, with all school districts
85 participating by the 2026-2027 school year.

86 (7) The department shall provide for a program
87 evaluation regarding the success and impact of the pilot
88 program upon completion of the first year of the pilot
89 program and shall report the results of such evaluation to
90 the general assembly. The department may consult with
91 organizations including but not limited to the Holocaust
92 education and awareness commission, the United States
93 Holocaust Museum, or the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust
94 Museum to develop the evaluation.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to
2 ensure that students are being provided adequate education
3 on the history of the Holocaust, section A of this act is
4 deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the
5 public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby
6 declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the
7 constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full
8 force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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