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BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 1424, Printer's No. 1940

Prime Sponsor: Representative Clymer

SYNOPSIS

House Bill 1424 amends the Public School Code to provide for Holocaust, genocide, and human rights violations instruction, curriculum guidelines and in-service training.

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House Bill 1424 amends the Public School Code to provide for instruction in Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations to public school students beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. If a school entity chooses to provide instruction in Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations, the instruction must be integrated within the social studies and language arts courses, age-appropriate, communicate both the connection between national, ethnic, racial, or religious intolerance and the Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations, as well as the impact of personal responsibility, civic engagement, and societal response.

Within twelve months of the effective date, PDE must establish curriculum guidelines that encourage the inclusion of the history of the Holocaust, the definition, history, response, and actions taken in the face of genocides, human rights violations, anti-Semitism, racism, and the abridgement of civil rights. School entities may utilize these guidelines and any appropriate materials in developing and implementing the instruction.

The Secretary of Education must make available to school entities in-service training programs based upon the instruction requirements and curriculum guidelines. The training would be eligible for meeting continuing education requirements. Nonpublic schools can also request that PDE provide them with the curriculum guidelines and in-service training.

The State Board of Education shall adopt necessary rules and regulations necessary for implementation.

Effective date: 60 Days.

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