
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits state content standards and curriculum, content, methodology, and textbooks that limit or restrict the teaching of African American history.

Present law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop state content standards for required subjects. Proposed law retains present law but prohibits BESE from approving standards that limit or restrict the teaching of African American history.

Present law authorizes public school governing authorities to develop and implement curriculum, content, and methodology other than curriculum, content, and methodology recommended by the state Dept. of Education or BESE. Proposed law retains present law but prohibits public school governing authorities from using any curriculum, content, or methodology that limits or restricts the teaching of African American history.

Present law grants public school governing authorities the authority to adopt textbooks and other instructional materials. Proposed law retains present law but prohibits public school governing authorities from adopting textbooks or instructional materials that limit or restrict the teaching of African American history.

Proposed law authorizes any person to commence a suit in the district court for the parish in which an action in violation of proposed law occurred for the issuance of a writ of mandamus or injunctive or declaratory relief to require compliance with proposed law together with reasonable attorney fees and costs.

Proposed law is applicable to all public schools, including charter schools.

(Adds R.S. 17:2119 and 3996(B)(67))