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## DIGEST

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HB 416 Engrossed

2021 Regular Session

Hodges

**Abstract:** Requires instruction on World War II and the Holocaust in grades nine through 12 and in-service training for teachers on such instruction.

Proposed law requires each public school governing authority to provide the following:

- (1) Age and grade appropriate instruction regarding World War II and the Holocaust to students in grade nine through 12, incorporated into an existing required course such as American History. Provides specific instruction items to be included.
- (2) Training for teachers whose responsibilities include courses of study into which this instruction is incorporated.

Proposed law further provides the following:

- (1) Requires each public school governing authority to make available to its schools the free curriculum from the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.
- (2) Requires each public school governing authority to submit an annual report to the state Dept. of Education (DOE) relative to the compliance of schools under its jurisdiction with proposed law; for those schools not in compliance, requires the report to include an action plan to ensure compliance.
- (3) Requires DOE to submit an annual report to the House and Senate education committees summarizing the information provided to the DOE pursuant to (2) above.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:280.1 and 3996(B)(59))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Require instruction in high school rather than in grades 6-12.

2. Require each public school governing authority to make available to its schools the free curriculum from the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.
3. Specify that instruction on the role of U.S. Armed Forces include African American and Asian American members of the military.