
DIGEST

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HB 416 Reengrossed

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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 requires each public school governing authority to make available to its schools the free curriculum from the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

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.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the internment of Japanese Americans in the U.S. during World War II to the list of required instructional components.

2. Remove requirements for reporting regarding implementation of proposed law.