

SENATE BILL NO. 797

January 12, 2022, Introduced by Senators CHANG, GEISS, BULLOCK, BAYER, MCMORROW, HOLLIER, ALEXANDER, POLEHANKI, MOSS, IRWIN, BRINKS and WOJNO and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1164c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 1164c. (1) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the**
2 **board of each school district and intermediate school district and**
3 **board of directors of each public school academy shall ensure that**
4 **1 unit of instruction of age- and grade-appropriate instruction**
5 **concerning Asian American and Pacific Islander history is**

1 incorporated in the history curriculum provided to pupils enrolled
2 in the school district, intermediate school district, or public
3 school academy. The instruction concerning Asian American and
4 Pacific Islander history described in this subsection must cover,
5 but is not limited to, historical Asian American and Pacific
6 Islander events, including, but not limited to, all of the
7 following:

8 (a) The contributions made by individual Asian Americans and
9 Pacific Islanders in government, the arts, humanities, and sciences
10 and the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander
11 communities to the economic, cultural, social, and political
12 development of the United States.

13 (b) The history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in
14 this state and the Midwest that must include, but is not limited
15 to, coverage of past policies that were discriminatory toward Asian
16 Americans and Pacific Islanders.

17 (c) The contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
18 toward advancing civil rights from the nineteenth century onward.

19 (2) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt or
20 develop and make available to school districts, intermediate school
21 districts, and public school academies instructional materials,
22 including, but not limited to, materials produced by the Public
23 Broadcasting Service, that may be used as guidelines for the
24 development of the 1 unit of instruction described in subsection
25 (1).

26 (3) The superintendent of each school district or intermediate
27 school district or the chief administrator of each public school
28 academy shall monitor the school district's, intermediate school
29 district's, or public school academy's compliance with this

1 section.

2 (4) Subject to other state laws concerning virtual courses or
3 online instruction, a school district, intermediate school
4 district, or public school academy may meet the requirements under
5 this section through the provision of a virtual course or online
6 instruction.

7 (5) As used in this section, "1 unit of instruction" means the
8 minimum amount of instructional time determined by the board of the
9 school district or intermediate school district or board of
10 directors of the public school academy, as applicable, implementing
11 the instruction.