

SENATE BILL NO. 798

January 12, 2022, Introduced by Senators GEISS, HOLLIER, CHANG, BULLOCK, BAYER, MCMORROW, 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 1164d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1164d. (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 Latin American, Hispanic American, and Caribbean

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

9 (a) The contributions made by individual Latin Americans,
10 Hispanic Americans, and Caribbean Americans in government, the
11 arts, humanities, and sciences and the contributions of Latin
12 American, Hispanic American, and Caribbean American communities to
13 the economic, cultural, social, and political development of the
14 United States.

15 (b) The history of Latin Americans, Hispanic Americans, and
16 Caribbean Americans in this state and the Midwest.

17 (c) The contributions of Latin Americans, Hispanic Americans,
18 and Caribbean Americans toward advancing civil rights from the
19 nineteenth century onward.

20 (2) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt or
21 develop and make available to school districts, intermediate school
22 districts, and public school academies instructional materials,
23 including, but not limited to, materials produced by the Public
24 Broadcasting Service, that may be used as guidelines for the
25 development of the 1 unit of instruction described in subsection
26 (1).

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

1 district's, or public school academy's compliance with this
2 section.

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

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