

SENATE BILL NO. 799

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 1164. (1) The commission on the inclusion of African-**
2 **American and Native American history in K to 12 instruction is**
3 **created as a temporary commission described in section 4 of article**
4 **V of the state constitution of 1963. The department shall provide**
5 **staffing and support for the commission.**

1 (2) Not later than 30 days after the effective date of the
2 amendatory act that added this section, the governor shall appoint
3 members to the commission in consultation with the department. The
4 commission must consist of the following 7 members:

5 (a) One representative from the University of Michigan.

6 (b) One representative from Michigan State University.

7 (c) One representative from Wayne State University.

8 (d) One individual who is capable of adequately representing
9 the interest of teachers.

10 (e) One individual who is capable of adequately representing
11 the interest of school district officials.

12 (f) One individual who is capable of adequately representing
13 the interest of the federally recognized Native American tribes in
14 this state.

15 (g) One representative from the department of civil rights.

16 (3) Not later than 60 days after the effective date of the
17 amendatory act that added this section, the superintendent of
18 public instruction shall call the first meeting of the commission.
19 At the first meeting, the commission shall elect from among its
20 members a chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary
21 or appropriate. After the first meeting, the commission shall meet
22 at times and places specified by the chairperson or a majority of
23 its voting members.

24 (4) A majority of the members of the commission constitute a
25 quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the
26 commission. A majority of the members present and serving are
27 required for official action of the commission.

28 (5) The business that the commission may perform must be
29 conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in compliance

1 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

2 (6) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
3 retained by the commission in the performance of an official
4 function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442,
5 MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

6 (7) Members of the commission serve without compensation and
7 must not be reimbursed for their expenses.

8 (8) Not later than 365 days after the members of the
9 commission are appointed, the commission shall provide to the state
10 board and the standing committees of the legislature responsible
11 for K to 12 education legislation a recommendation on age- and
12 grade-appropriate instruction for all grade levels on African-
13 American and Native American history. The recommended instruction
14 must include both of the following:

15 (a) The study of African-American history during
16 Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Era, and other eras relevant to
17 African-American history.

18 (b) The contributions African-Americans have made to the
19 development of the United States and other countries.

20 (9) After the commission provides to the state board the
21 recommended instruction under subsection (8), not later than 2
22 school years following the date on which the state board receives
23 the recommended instruction under subsection (8), the state board
24 shall ensure that the recommended model core academic curriculum
25 content standards for history developed under section 1278 include
26 for all grade levels age- and grade-appropriate learning objectives
27 concerning African-American and Native American history. Those
28 learning objectives must be aligned with the commission's
29 recommended instruction.

1 (10) After the commission provides to the state board the
2 recommended instruction under subsection (8), in addition to the
3 requirements of section 1279g, beginning with assessments conducted
4 during the 2025-2026 school year, the superintendent of public
5 instruction shall ensure that the Michigan merit examination social
6 studies component and the M-STEP and any successor state assessment
7 for social studies, as appropriate, include questions related to
8 the learning objectives in the state board recommended model core
9 academic curriculum content standards concerning African-American
10 and Native American history.

11 (11) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the board of a
12 school district or board of directors of a public school academy
13 shall ensure that each school it operates provides instruction to
14 pupils at all grade levels operated by that school regarding
15 African-American and Native American history, as described in
16 subsection (8).

17 (12) As used in this section, "commission" means the
18 commission on the inclusion of African-American and Native American
19 history in K to 12 instruction created in subsection (1).