

HOUSE BILL 47

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By: **Delegate Wilson**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Expanded American History – Development of Content**
3 **Standards and Implementation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to develop content standards
5 for expanded American history to be included in certain State standards for social
6 studies; requiring each county board of education, in collaboration with the local
7 school system, to develop and implement certain curriculum guides for expanded
8 American history; requiring each public school to include expanded American history
9 in the social studies curriculum beginning in a certain school year; requiring the
10 State Department of Education and the State Board of Education to jointly analyze
11 certain content standards for expanded American history; and generally relating to
12 the development and implementation of an expanded American history curriculum
13 in public schools.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Education
16 Section 7–205.5
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Education**

22 **7–205.5.**

23 **(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2022, THE STATE BOARD SHALL**
24 **DEVELOP CONTENT STANDARDS FOR EXPANDED AMERICAN HISTORY TO BE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 INCLUDED IN THE STATE STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORKS IN SOCIAL STUDIES.

2 (2) THE CONTENT STANDARDS FOR EXPANDED AMERICAN HISTORY
3 SHALL INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON THE HISTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE
4 FOLLOWING GROUPS:

5 (I) AFRICAN AMERICANS;

6 (II) AMERICAN INDIANS;

7 (III) ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS;

8 (IV) HISPANIC AMERICANS;

9 (V) WOMEN; AND

10 (VI) OTHER GROUPS AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE BOARD.

11 (B) EACH COUNTY BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LOCAL SCHOOL
12 SYSTEM, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM
13 GUIDES FOR EXPANDED AMERICAN HISTORY SUBJECT TO THE CONTENT
14 STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (C) BEGINNING IN THE 2023–2024 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN
16 THE STATE SHALL INCLUDE EXPANDED AMERICAN HISTORY IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES
17 CURRICULUM.

18 (D) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE
19 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

21 (a) The State Department of Education and the State Board of Education jointly
22 shall analyze content standards for expanded American history included in the State
23 Standards and Frameworks in Social Studies of the Maryland College and Career
24 Readiness Standards, including the content standards for each grade level.

25 (b) On or before October 1, 2023, the State Department of Education and the State
26 Board of Education jointly shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with §
27 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the analysis conducted under subsection (a) of
28 this section.

29 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
30 1, 2022.

