



# HOUSE BILL 69: Education on the Holocaust and Genocide.

2021-2022 General Assembly

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| <b>Committee:</b>     | House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House | <b>Date:</b>        | March 23, 2021       |
| <b>Introduced by:</b> | Reps. Elmore, Howard, Sasser, Reives                                                           | <b>Prepared by:</b> | Brian Gwyn           |
| <b>Analysis of:</b>   | PCS to First Edition<br>H69-CSBE-8                                                             |                     | Committee Co-Counsel |

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 69 would require the State Board of Education (State Board) to integrate education on the Holocaust and genocide into the standard course of study. The PCS would do the following:*

- Require the State Board and Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to review resources created pursuant to the federal Never Again Education Act.
- Require any standards, curriculum content, professional development, or other materials developed to satisfy HB 69 to use the following terms as they are defined in the Never Again Education Act: antisemitism, Holocaust, and Holocaust denial and distortion.
- Add an appropriation to DPI of \$250,000 in 2021-2022 and \$250,000 in 2022-2023.
- Require the bill to apply beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

**CURRENT LAW:** Under G.S. 115C-12(9c) and G.S. 115C-81.5, the State Board is required to develop content standards and the standard course of study in the core academic areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, history, geography, and civics.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS would require the State Board to integrate education on the Holocaust and genocide into English courses, social studies courses, and other courses as appropriate. Additionally, the State Board would be required to develop a curriculum for a Holocaust Studies elective that may be offered in middle schools and high schools.

DPI would be required to ensure that curriculum content is provided to schools, and local boards of education would be required to ensure that professional development is provided to teachers. The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust and the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching could work with DPI and local boards of education to provide the curriculum content and professional development.

The PCS would appropriate to DPI \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to acquire curriculum content and implement professional developments, in consultation with the State Board of Education, the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, and the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The PCS would be effective when it becomes law and would apply beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

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