



HOUSE BILL 437: Education on the Holocaust and Genocide.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 437 would require the State Board of Education (State Board) to integrate education on the Holocaust and genocide into the standard course of study.*

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

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 437 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.

The Department of Public Instruction (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 be authorized to provide the curriculum content and professional development.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would be effective when it becomes law and would apply beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

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