OVERVIEW: Section 7.84 of S.L. 2021-180 requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to integrate education on the Holocaust and genocide into the standard course of study for English, social studies, and other courses as appropriate. Additionally, the SBE is required to develop a curriculum for a Holocaust Studies elective that can be offered in middle schools and high schools.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required to ensure that curriculum content is provided to schools, and local boards of education are 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 can work with DPI and local boards of education to provide the curriculum content and professional development.

The SBE and DPI must review resources and programs developed pursuant to the federal "Never Again Education Act" (P.L. 116-141) to inform its actions under this section.

This section became effective November 18, 2021, and applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.