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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1007

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
10 CONCERNING UNITED STATES HISTORY COURSES IN PUBLIC
11 SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
16 CONCERNING UNITED STATES HISTORY COURSES
17 IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.

23 (a) The General Assembly finds that the social studies curriculum
24 guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education effective in July 2015 are
25 insufficient and only require the history of the United States for the time
26 period of:
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28 (1) The beginning of the United States through 1820 in grade
29 five (5);

30 (2) 1820 thorough 1900 for grade eight (8); and

31 (3) Post 1890 United States history in unspecified high school
32 grades.

33 (b) The General Assembly further finds that it is possible for a
34 student to only learn about the critical early years of United States history
35 in grade five (5).
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
2 to add an additional section to read as follows:

3 6-16-146. Foundation of certain social studies or history courses
4 offered in grades seven through twelve (7-12).

5 (a) The following social studies or history courses offered in grades
6 seven through twelve (7-12) include a relevant review of United States
7 history from the period of colonization through 1890, specifically including
8 the colonial period, the American Revolution, the foundations of the United
9 States Government, and the American Civil War:

10 (1) A social studies or history course conditioned upon
11 knowledge of historical events from the colonial period to modern times of
12 United States history for which graduation credit is or may be received,
13 except for advanced placement courses;

14 (2) Civics;

15 (3) United States after 1890;

16 (4) United States Government; and

17 (5) A current or future social studies or history course that
18 could benefit from a study of the period of history identified in this
19 section.

20 (b) The State Board of Education shall adopt or amend rules as
21 necessary to implement this section.

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23 /s/Collins-Smith
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