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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION BE TAUGHT IN
ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO REQUIRE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION BE TAUGHT
IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-16-152. Holocaust education — Required.

(a) Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, Holocaust education shall be taught in all public schools in a manner that:

(1) Generates an understanding of the causes, course, and effects of the Holocaust;

(2) Develops dialogue with students on the ramifications of bullying, bigotry, stereotyping, and discrimination; and

(3) Encourages tolerance of diversity and reverence for human dignity for all citizens in a pluralistic society.

(b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with local,
statewide, and national experts in Holocaust education, shall develop and
distribute curricula, standards, materials, and units relating to Holocaust
education for grade-appropriate grades five through twelve (5-12) instruction
in all public schools.

(c) As used in this section, "Holocaust" means the systematic, state-
sponsored persecution and attempted annihilation of Jews and other groups by
the Nazi regime in Germany between 1933 and 1945, which resulted in the
murder of approximately six million (6,000,000) Jews and five million
(5,000,000) other individuals.

/s/Hester