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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 160

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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14 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION BE TAUGHT IN  
15 ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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19 TO REQUIRE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION BE TAUGHT  
20 IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

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

27 6-16-152. Holocaust education – Required.

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

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

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

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

36 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with local,



1 statewide, and national experts in Holocaust education, shall develop and  
2 distribute curricula, standards, materials, and units relating to Holocaust  
3 education for grade-appropriate grades five through twelve (5-12) instruction  
4 in all public schools.

5 (c) As used in this section, "Holocaust" means the systematic, state-  
6 sponsored persecution and attempted annihilation of Jews and other groups by  
7 the Nazi regime in Germany between 1933 and 1945, which resulted in the  
8 murder of approximately six million (6,000,000) Jews and five million  
9 (5,000,000) other individuals.

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