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SENATE BILL 160

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION BE TAUGHT IN
12 ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO REQUIRE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION BE TAUGHT
17 IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-16-152. Holocaust education – Required.

26 (a) Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, Holocaust education shall
27 be taught in all public schools in a manner that:

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

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

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

34 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with local,
35 statewide, and national experts in Holocaust education, shall develop and
36 distribute curricula, standards, materials, and units relating to Holocaust



1 education for grade-appropriate kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)
2 instruction in all public schools.

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

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