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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1736

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PERILS OF COMMUNISM AND
9 AUTOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS BE TAUGHT IN ALL PUBLIC
10 SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO REQUIRE THE PERILS OF COMMUNISM AND
15 AUTOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS BE TAUGHT IN ALL
16 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-16-156. Perils of communism education – Required – Definition.

24 (a) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, education concerning the
25 perils of communism and autocratic governments shall be taught in all public
26 schools in a manner that generates an understanding of the following results
27 of communism and autocratic governments:

28 (1) The record of mass murder and oppression committed as a
29 result of communism and autocratic governments;

30 (2) The economic structures and related collapses of the
31 economic structures in countries that have adopted communist policies;

32 (3) The issues and failures associated with communist economic
33 systems; and

34 (4) The continued failure of communism and autocratic
35 governments resulting from the direct influences of:

36 (A) The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and its



1 successor state, Russia;

2 (B) The People's Republic of China;

3 (C) Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and

4 (D) Argentina.

5 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with local,
6 statewide, and national experts in communism and autocratic government
7 education, shall develop and distribute grade-appropriate curricula,
8 standards, materials, and units relating to the perils of communism and
9 autocratic governments for grades seven through twelve (7-12) in all public
10 schools.

11 (c) As used in this section, "communism and autocratic government"
12 means a system of government:

13 (1) In which absolute power over a state is concentrated in the
14 hands of one (1) individual, whose decisions are subject to neither external
15 legal constraints nor regularized mechanisms of popular control; and

16 (2) That has resulted in the murder of approximately one hundred
17 million (100,000,000) of its own citizens.

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