

House File 2544

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1 Amend House File 2544 as follows:

2 1. Page 13, after line 14 by inserting:

3 <Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. **280.36 Education on the holocaust.**

4 1. The general assembly finds all of the following:

5 *a.* Recent studies have shown there to be a severe lack
6 of awareness in the state of Iowa regarding historical facts
7 about the holocaust and antisemitism, and the causes and
8 ramifications thereof.

9 *b.* Antisemitism remains a persistent, pervasive, and
10 disturbing problem in contemporary American society.

11 *c.* In order to provide students with an understanding of the
12 importance of the protection of human rights and the potential
13 consequences of discrimination against and persecution of
14 Jewish people, it is a matter of high priority that students in
15 this state be educated concerning the holocaust.

16 *d.* Sources of free curricula and instructional materials for
17 education on the holocaust include but are not limited to the
18 United States holocaust memorial museum; yad vashem: the world
19 holocaust remembrance center; the Illinois holocaust museum and
20 education center; and echoes and reflections, a partnership of
21 the anti-defamation league, yad vashem, and the university of
22 southern California shoah foundation.

23 2. For purposes of this section, unless the context
24 otherwise requires:

25 *a.* "Antisemitism" means the same as defined in section
26 216F.1.

27 *b.* "Holocaust" means the systematic, bureaucratic,
28 state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately
29 six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its allies and
30 collaborators.

31 *c.* "Nazi" means the abbreviation for the national socialist
32 German workers' party, a political party of the mass movement
33 known as national socialism under which its leader, Adolf
34 Hitler, came to power in 1933 and governed by totalitarian
35 methods until 1945.

1 *d.* "Organization" means one or more of the following
2 organizations:

3 (1) The United States holocaust memorial museum.

4 (2) Yad vashem: the world holocaust remembrance center.

5 (3) The Illinois holocaust museum and education center.

6 (4) Echoes and reflections, a partnership of the
7 anti-defamation league, yad vashem, and the university of
8 southern California shoah foundation.

9 (5) Any other entity approved for education on the holocaust
10 by the department of education.

11 3. *a.* No later than the school year beginning July 1, 2024,
12 the board of directors of a school district shall incorporate
13 age-appropriate and grade-appropriate instruction regarding
14 the holocaust for students in middle and high school into the
15 school district's educational program. Such instruction shall
16 be incorporated into existing required courses and include, at
17 minimum, the following:

18 (1) The causes and ramifications of the holocaust.

19 (2) The breadth of the history of antisemitism and
20 the holocaust, including the third reich dictatorship,
21 concentration camp system, persecution of Jews and non-Jews,
22 Jewish and non-Jewish resistance, and post-World War II trials.

23 (3) The impact of personal responsibility, civic
24 engagement, and societal response in the context of the
25 holocaust.

26 (4) The connection between national, ethnic, racial,
27 or religious intolerance and the subjects described in
28 subparagraphs (1) and (2).

29 (5) The leading role played by the United States and
30 the United States armed forces, including African American
31 soldiers, including but not limited to the Tuskegee airmen,
32 as well as Native American and Asian American soldiers, in
33 defeating the third reich and its allies and liberating Nazi
34 concentration camps.

35 (6) The definition, history, and actions taken in the face

1 of the holocaust.

2 *b.* School districts shall utilize appropriate public or
3 private materials, personnel, and other resources in developing
4 and implementing education on the holocaust in accordance with
5 this section.

6 4. No later than the school year beginning July 1, 2024,
7 the board of directors of a school district shall incorporate
8 education on the holocaust for teachers into the district
9 professional development plan developed pursuant to section
10 284.6 for teachers who provide instruction in courses into
11 which student instruction in accordance with subsection 3 is
12 incorporated. Such training shall cover the topics required
13 by subsection 3. School districts shall utilize appropriate
14 programs provided by an organization for such training.
15 Education on the holocaust provided to teachers in accordance
16 with this section shall be credited toward a teacher's
17 individual professional development plan under section 284.6.

18 5. Annually by October 1, the department of education
19 shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly
20 addressing the number of school districts offering education
21 on the holocaust to students and teachers in accordance with
22 this section. The department shall publish the report on the
23 department's internet site.

24 6. This section shall not be construed to diminish or
25 infringe upon any right protected under the Constitution of
26 the State of Iowa or the first amendment to the Constitution
27 of the United States. This section shall not be construed to
28 conflict with any local, state, or federal law relating to
29 discrimination.>

30 2. Title page, line 5, after <regents> by inserting <, and
31 requiring education related to the holocaust for students and
32 teachers in school districts>

33 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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