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2021 Wisconsin Act 30 [2021 Senate Bill 69]

Holocaust Instruction and Curricula

2021 Wisconsin Act 30 creates requirements for instruction regarding the Holocaust and other genocides. Under the act, “Holocaust” is defined as “the systematic state-sponsored killing of 6 million Jewish men, women, and children and millions of others by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945.”

Act 30 requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to incorporate the Holocaust and other genocides into the model academic standards for social studies, and to develop a model curricula and instructional materials for students in grades 5-8 and grades 9-12. The curricula and instructional materials must be developed in consultation with: (1) a state agency in another state that has developed a model curriculum on the Holocaust and other genocides; and (2) a Wisconsin-based organization that is dedicated to Holocaust remembrance, Holocaust education, and the preservation of the memory of victims of the Holocaust, and that provides free Holocaust education programs to public and private schools and offers educational tools and training to teachers.

Act 30 also requires all public schools, independent charter schools, and private schools participating in a parental choice program to provide instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides at least once in grades 5-8, and at least once in grades 9-12. All required schools must implement such instruction by July 1, 2022.

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