

# HOUSE BILL 11

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By: **Delegate Wilson**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – African American History – Development of Content Standards**  
3 **and Implementation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education, on or before a certain date, to  
5 develop certain content standards for African American history to be included in  
6 certain State standards for social studies; requiring certain content standards to  
7 include certain topics; requiring each county board of education to develop and  
8 implement certain age-appropriate curriculum guides for African American history  
9 subject to certain content standards; requiring each public school to include African  
10 American history in the social studies curriculum beginning in a certain school year;  
11 authorizing the State Board to adopt certain regulations; requiring the State  
12 Department of Education to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or  
13 before a certain date; and generally relating to the development and implementation  
14 of an African American history curriculum in public schools.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Education  
17 Section 7–205.5  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Education**

23 **7–205.5.**

24 **(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2021, THE STATE BOARD SHALL**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 DEVELOP CONTENT STANDARDS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY TO BE  
2 INCLUDED IN THE STATE STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORKS IN SOCIAL STUDIES.

3 (2) THE CONTENT STANDARDS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY  
4 SHALL INCLUDE CONTENT ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

5 (I) THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN PEOPLE BEFORE POLITICAL  
6 CONFLICTS THAT LED TO SLAVERY;

7 (II) THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS TO  
8 SOCIETY;

9 (III) SLAVERY AND ABOLITION;

10 (IV) JIM CROW LAWS;

11 (V) THE 1921 TULSA RACE MASSACRE;

12 (VI) SOCIAL INJUSTICE AND POLICE BRUTALITY; AND

13 (VII) ANY ADDITIONAL TOPICS DETERMINED TO BE RELEVANT BY  
14 THE STATE BOARD.

15 (B) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT  
16 AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM GUIDES FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY  
17 SUBJECT TO THE CONTENT STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF  
18 THIS SECTION.

19 (C) BEGINNING IN THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN  
20 THE STATE SHALL INCLUDE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES  
21 CURRICULUM.

22 (D) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
23 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,  
25 2021, the State Department of Education shall report to the General Assembly, in  
26 accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on content standards for African  
27 American history included in the State Standards and Frameworks in Social Studies of the  
28 Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards, including the content standards for  
29 each grade level.

30 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
31 1, 2021.