

SENATE BILL 304

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By: **Senators Lam and Lee**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public Schools – Asian American History Curriculum Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content
4 standards for a unit of instruction on Asian American history in public schools in the
5 State; requiring each county board of education to implement the Asian American
6 history curriculum content standards in each public school in the county, beginning
7 in a certain school year; requiring each county superintendent of schools to ensure
8 compliance with this Act; and generally relating to an Asian American history
9 curriculum requirement for public schools in the State.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 7–205.5

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–205.5.**

19 **(A) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP CURRICULUM CONTENT**
20 **STANDARDS FOR A UNIT OF INSTRUCTION ON ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY FOR**
21 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.**

22 **(2) THE ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY CURRICULUM CONTENT**
23 **STANDARDS SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) ENABLE STUDENTS TO RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF ALL**
2 **RACES AND ALL PEOPLE; AND**

3 **(II) REQUIRE AGE-APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION ON THE**
4 **FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

5 1. **THE EVENTS OF ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY;**

6 2. **ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN MARYLAND AND THE**
7 **MID-ATLANTIC REGION; AND**

8 3. **CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY ASIAN AMERICANS,**
9 **INCLUDING THEIR:**

10 A. **ROLES IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS FROM**
11 **THE 19TH CENTURY ONWARD;**

12 B. **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN GOVERNMENT, THE ARTS,**
13 **HUMANITIES, AND SCIENCE; AND**

14 C. **CONTRIBUTIONS AS A COMMUNITY TO THE**
15 **ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED**
16 **STATES.**

17 **(3) THE STATE BOARD MAY PREPARE AND MAKE AVAILABLE**
18 **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE'S**
19 **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ON ASIAN AMERICANS, THAT MAY BE USED AS A GUIDE**
20 **FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY CURRICULUM CONTENT**
21 **STANDARDS.**

22 **(B) (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY**
23 **BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT THE ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY CURRICULUM CONTENT**
24 **STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
25 **SECTION IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY.**

26 **(2) (I) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE**
27 **APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE**
28 **REQUIREMENT FOR A UNIT OF INSTRUCTION ON ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY.**

29 **(II) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT A UNIT OF**
30 **INSTRUCTION ON ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY IS:**

31 1. **TAUGHT AT LEAST ONCE DURING ELEMENTARY**

1 SCHOOL;

2 2. INCLUDED AT LEAST ONCE IN A REQUIRED HISTORY
3 COURSE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL; AND

4 3. INCLUDED AT LEAST ONCE IN A HISTORY COURSE
5 REQUIRED TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

6 (3) A COUNTY BOARD MAY DEVELOP AN ONLINE COURSE TO SATISFY
7 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

8 (C) EACH COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH
9 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

10 (D) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
11 SECTION.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2022.