

ARKANSAS SENATE
90th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2015
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 1007

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING UNITED STATES HISTORY
COURSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 1007

Amend Senate Bill No. 1007 as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.

(a) The General Assembly finds that the social studies curriculum guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education effective in July 2015 are insufficient and only requires the history of the United States for the time period of:

(1) The beginning of the United States through 1820 in grade six (6);
(2) 1820 thorough 1900 for grade eight (8); and
(3) Post 1890 United States history in unspecified high school grades.

(b) The General Assembly further finds that it is possible for a student to only learn about the critical early years of United States history in grade six (6).

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-16-146. Foundation of certain social studies or history courses offered in grades seven through twelve (7-12).

(a) The following social studies or history courses offered in grades seven through twelve (7-12) shall include at least twenty (20) school days of instruction on United States history from the period of colonization through 1890, specifically including the colonial period, the Revolutionary War, the foundations of the United States Government, and the American Civil War:

(1) A social studies or history course focusing on United States history for which graduation credit is or may be received, except for advanced placement courses;
(2) African-American history;
(3) Civics;
(4) United States after 1890;
(5) United States Government; and
(6) A current or future social studies or history course that



could benefit from a study of the period of history identified in this section.

(b) The State Board of Education shall adopt or amend rules as necessary to implement this section.”

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Collins-Smith

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Secretary