

Amendment to SB 727-FN-LOCAL

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to Holocaust and genocide studies legislation and establishing a commission
4 to study genocide education.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Findings and Purpose. The general court finds that intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and
9 national, ethnic, racial, and religious hatred and discrimination are incompatible with the
10 fundamental principles of democracy, and that such ideologies and practices, when unchallenged,
11 can lead to genocide. Recognizing that democratic institutions and values are not automatically
12 sustained, but need active civic responsibility and engagement, the general court finds that it is
13 necessary, as part of an adequate education, to ensure that students are taught the historical facts
14 about the Holocaust and other genocides and how intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and national,
15 ethnic, racial, and religious hatred and discrimination have evolved in the past, and can evolve, into
16 genocide and mass violence. The general court further finds that through education about the
17 Holocaust and other forms of genocide, their causes, the consequences of intolerance, bigotry,
18 antisemitism, and hate, and the lessons to be drawn for the present, students will understand the
19 fragility of democracy, the importance of democratic principles, and the power of individual choices
20 in preventing genocide.

21 2 Criteria for an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 193-E:2, IV to read as follows:

22 IV. Knowledge of civics and government, economics, geography, [~~and~~] history, **and**
23 ***Holocaust and genocide education*** to enable them to participate in the democratic process and to
24 make informed choices as responsible citizens.

25 3 New Paragraphs; Adequate Public Education; Definitions. Amend RSA 193-E:3-a by inserting
26 after paragraph II the following new paragraphs:

27 II-a. "Genocide" means any of the following acts committed with the intent to destroy, in
28 whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group: killing members of the group; causing
29 serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group
30 conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; imposing
31 measures intended to prevent births within the group; or forcibly transferring children of the group
32 to another group.

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1 II-b. “Holocaust” means the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and
2 murder of approximately 6,000,000 Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

3 II-c. “Holocaust and genocide education” means studies on the Holocaust, genocide, and
4 other acts of mass violence.

5 4 New Subparagraph; Instruction in National and State History and Government; Genocide
6 Education. Amend RSA 189:11, I by inserting after subparagraph (i) the following new
7 subparagraph:

8 (j) How intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and national, ethnic, racial, or religious
9 hatred and discrimination have evolved in the past, and can evolve, into genocide and mass violence,
10 such as the Holocaust, and how to prevent the evolution of such practices.

11 5 New Hampshire Genocide Awareness Month. Amend RSA 4:13-t to read as follows:

12 4:13-t New Hampshire Genocide Awareness Month. The governor shall annually proclaim the
13 month of April as New Hampshire Genocide Awareness Month and shall urge cities and towns
14 throughout the state to observe this month in an appropriate manner commemorating the victims of
15 genocides and educating the public about the ~~[evils of genocide and commemorating victims of~~
16 ~~genocide]~~ **importance of preventing intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and national, ethnic,**
17 **racial, and religious hatred and genocide against any group of people.**

18 6 State Board of Education; Rulemaking. Following the receipt of the preliminary report of the
19 commission on Holocaust and genocide education, established in RSA 193-E:2-f, the state board of
20 education shall initiate rulemaking, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the recommendations of the
21 commission.

22 7 New Section; Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education. Amend RSA 193-E by
23 inserting after section 2-e the following new section:

24 193-E:2-f Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education.

25 I. There is established a commission to study best practices for teaching students how
26 intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and national, ethnic, racial, or religious hatred and
27 discrimination have evolved in the past, and can evolve into mass violence and genocide, such as the
28 Holocaust.

29 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

30 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

31 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
32 of representatives.

33 (c) The commissioner of education, or designee.

34 (d) One high school teacher, appointed by the governor.

35 (e) One middle school teacher, appointed by the governor.

36 (f) One school administrator, appointed by the New Hampshire School Administrators
37 Association.

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- 1 (g) One school curriculum coordinator, appointed by NEA-NH.
2 (h) The Roman Catholic bishop of Manchester, or designee.
3 (i) A representative of the New Hampshire Council of Churches, appointed by the
4 council.
5 (j) A representative of the Keene state college Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide
6 Studies, appointed by the college president.
7 (k) Two members appointed by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, one of whom
8 shall be a religious leader.

9 (l) Two survivors or direct descendants of a survivor of either the Holocaust or another
10 genocide, one appointed by the president of the senate and one appointed by the speaker of the house
11 of representatives.

12 (m) A representative appointed by the Anti-Defamation League, New England region.

13 III. The commission shall:

- 14 (a) Recommend model school district policies for Holocaust and genocide education.
15 (b) Recommend to the state board of education rules for fulfilling the Holocaust and
16 genocide education requirement.
17 (c) Identify best practices for teaching Holocaust and genocide education and the
18 appropriate number of hours of instruction at multiple grade levels.
19 (d) Identify existing teaching materials and curriculum as well as strategies and content
20 for providing and enhancing genocide education to students.
21 (e) Identify in-service education opportunities for educators.
22 (f) Promote, within the schools and the general population of the state, implementation
23 of Holocaust and genocide education.

24 IV. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
25 attending to the duties of the commission.

26 V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
27 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
28 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Eight members of the
29 commission shall constitute a quorum.

30 VI. Report. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
31 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
32 chairpersons of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over education, the senate clerk,
33 the house clerk, the state board of education, the governor, and the state library. A preliminary
34 report shall be submitted on or before January 1, 2021. An annual report shall be submitted on or
35 before November 1, 2021 and each year thereafter. The commission shall monitor the
36 implementation by grade, curriculum, and hours of instruction. A final report shall be submitted on
37 or before November 1, 2024.

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- 1 8 Repeal. RSA 193-E:2-f, relative to the commission on genocide education, is repealed.
- 2 9 Effective Date.
- 3 I. Sections 1-6 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
- 4 II. Section 8 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2024.
- 5 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires Holocaust and genocide prevention education to be included in the criteria for an adequate education.

This bill also establishes a commission on Holocaust and genocide education.