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**Representatives Jones, Richardson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Manning, Schmidt, Hillyer, Pavliga**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 3301.0722 of the Revised Code to 1  
establish the Ohio Social Studies Standards Task 2  
Force to develop new social studies academic 3  
standards for use beginning with the 2024-2025 4  
school year. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3301.0722 of the Revised Code be 6  
enacted to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 3301.0722.** (A) There is hereby created the Ohio 8  
social studies standards task force. The task force shall 9  
consist of nine members, three each appointed by the governor, 10  
president of the senate, and speaker of the house of 11  
representatives. 12

(B) Subject to division (E) of this section, the task 13  
force shall develop statewide academic standards in social 14  
studies for grades kindergarten through twelve based on the 15  
standards published in "American Birthright: The Civics 16  
Alliance's Model K-12 Social Studies Standards," a product of 17  
the national association of scholars or its successor 18

organization. 19

(C) The task force shall provide opportunities for public 20  
input when developing the standards, including the input of both 21  
of the following: 22

(1) Parents of students in kindergarten through twelfth 23  
grade; 24

(2) Active Ohio classroom teachers, other school 25  
personnel, and administrators with expertise in the social 26  
studies subject area. 27

(D) (1) The task force shall report its statewide social 28  
studies academic standards to the primary and secondary 29  
education committees of both the house of representatives and 30  
the senate not later than August 15, 2023. 31

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 32  
3301.079 of the Revised Code, the standards submitted under 33  
division (D) (1) of this section shall not be effective unless 34  
approved by the general assembly by concurrent resolution. Once 35  
so approved, the standards shall be in force for a period of 36  
five school years beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. 37

If the primary and secondary education committees of both 38  
the house of representatives and senate fail to report the 39  
standards as submitted for consideration by the general 40  
assembly, or the general assembly fails to approve the standards 41  
as submitted by concurrent resolution within two months of the 42  
date of the initial report under division (D) (1) of this 43  
section, the task force shall reconvene and report revised 44  
standards to the primary and secondary education committees. 45

(E) The department shall revise the model curriculum for 46  
social studies under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code to 47

reflect the standards adopted under this section. These 48  
standards shall not conflict with the requirement to incorporate 49  
into the social studies standards the original texts of 50  
documents of the United States and the state of Ohio prescribed 51  
by division (A) (1) (b) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code. 52

(F) The department shall notify and make available to all 53  
school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and nonpublic 54  
schools that are required to administer the American history and 55  
American government end-of-course examinations prescribed by 56  
section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code of the standards developed 57  
and adopted under this section. 58

(G) The task force created under division (A) of this 59  
section ceases to exist once the social studies standards 60  
developed by that task force take effect under division (D) (2) 61  
of this section. 62