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A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Parents of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

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

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

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

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

(E) The department shall revise the model curriculum for social studies under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code to
reflect the standards adopted under this section. These standards shall not conflict with the requirement to incorporate into the social studies standards the original texts of documents of the United States and the state of Ohio prescribed by division (A)(1)(b) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code.

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

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