

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2207

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning schools; relating to ethnic studies.

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3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

4 Section 1. (a) In order to equip students with the knowledge needed  
5 to understand and appreciate the contributions people with diverse  
6 backgrounds have made to American history and culture, the state board of  
7 education shall authorize and assist in the implementation of programs on  
8 teaching ethnic studies for grades seven through 12.

9 (b) The state board of education shall develop a curriculum, materials  
10 and guidelines that local boards of education and governing authorities of  
11 accredited nonpublic schools may use in implementing the program of  
12 instruction on ethnic studies.

13 (c) The state board of education shall develop state curriculum  
14 standards for ethnic studies, for grades seven through 12, within the  
15 existing history, social studies or civics curriculum or another appropriate  
16 subject-matter curriculum.

17 (d) The state board of education shall encourage school districts when  
18 selecting text books **and supplemental materials** for history, social  
19 studies, civics or other appropriate courses, to select those textbooks **and**  
20 **supplemental materials** which contain substantive information on ethnic  
21 studies, **but that do not include social justice remedies.**

22 (e) For the purpose of this section, "ethnic studies" means an  
23 interdisciplinary enterprise which acknowledges that race and ethnicity are  
24 social and cultural forces in the United States and around the world.  
25 "Ethnic studies" includes the perspectives of racial or ethnic groups,  
26 reflects narratives and points of view rooted in lived experiences of such  
27 groups and recognizes the contributions of specific individuals and  
28 national leaders. "Ethnic studies" includes, ~~but~~ **and** ~~is not~~ limited to; the  
29 experiences of African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanics, Latinos,  
30 **and** Native Americans ~~and other racialized peoples.~~

31 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
32 publication in the statute book.