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SUMMARY

- Requires the State Board of Education to begin updating the model curriculum for social studies by July 1, 2024, to include the migration journeys, experiences, and societal contributions of specified communities in Ohio.
- Requires the State Board to include these model curriculum changes in the first updated social studies model curriculum adopted after July 1, 2024.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Updated model curriculum for social studies

The bill requires the State Board of Education to begin updating the model curriculum for social studies to include age- and grade-appropriate instruction in several specific topics by July 1, 2024. The updated curriculum must include the migration journeys, experiences, and societal contributions of the following communities:

1. African American communities;
2. Asian American and Pacific islander communities;
3. Arab, African, and North African immigrant, refugee, and asylee communities;
4. Appalachian communities;
5. Jewish communities;
6. Latin American communities; and
7. Native American communities.

The bill further requires that these changes be made in the first update of the social studies model curriculum adopted after July 1, 2024.¹

Under continuing law, public schools are not required to use all or any part of the State Board's model curriculum.²

Continuing law requires school districts to prescribe a curriculum for their students in grades K-12. A district's curriculum must include the study of the history of the United States and Ohio, American government at the national, state, and local levels, and a balanced presentation of the relevant contributions to society of men and women of African, Mexican, Puerto Rican, and American Indian descent as well as other ethnic and racial groups.³

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-10-23

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¹ R.C. 3313.079(B)(3).

² R.C. 3313.079(B)(4).

³ R.C. 3313.60(A)(2), not in the bill.