OLR Bill Analysis HB 7075

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF ISLAMIC AND ARAB STUDIES CURRICULUM MATERIAL FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State Board of Education (SBE), within available appropriations and using available resource materials, to (1) make curriculum materials available to local and regional boards of education on Islamic and Arab studies and (2) encourage them to provide instruction in this area. Boards may use these materials to develop an instructional program for the public schools under their jurisdiction.

The law already requires SBE to make curriculum materials available for various other programs, such as (1) African-American and Black studies, Puerto Rican and Latino studies, Native American studies, and Asian American and Pacific Islander studies; (2) personal financial management; (3) the Holocaust and genocide awareness; and (4) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrators.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 43 Nay 2 (03/24/2025)