

REFERENCE TITLE: **model ethnic studies curriculum**

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# **SB 1441**

Introduced by  
Senators Quezada: Terán

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-709; RELATING TO SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-709, to read:

4 15-709. Model ethnic studies curriculum

5 A. ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC  
6 INSTRUCTION SHALL DEVELOP A MODEL ETHNIC STUDIES CURRICULUM FOR USE IN  
7 GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DESIGN THE MODEL  
8 CURRICULUM TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO BE GLOBAL CITIZENS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY  
9 WITH AN APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DIVERSE CULTURES.

10 B. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL BOTH:

11 1. POST THE MODEL CURRICULUM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION A OF THIS  
12 SECTION ON THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION'S WEBSITE.

13 2. PERIODICALLY UPDATE THE MODEL CURRICULUM DEVELOPED UNDER  
14 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION TO INCORPORATE BEST PRACTICES IN ETHNIC  
15 STUDIES.

16 C. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT SERVES ANY  
17 COMBINATION OF STUDENTS IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE MAY OFFER AN ETHNIC  
18 STUDIES COURSE THAT INCORPORATES THE MODEL CURRICULUM DEVELOPED UNDER  
19 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

20 Sec. 2. Ethnic studies advisory committee; membership;  
21 duties; delayed repeal

22 A. The superintendent of public instruction shall establish an  
23 ethnic studies advisory committee consisting of a majority of educators  
24 with experience in teaching ethnic studies from public high schools and  
25 institutions of higher education.

26 B. The ethnic studies advisory committee shall do both of the  
27 following:

28 1. Recommend to the superintendent of public instruction state  
29 learning standards and grade-level expectations that identify the  
30 knowledge and skills that all public school students need to be global  
31 citizens in a global society with an appreciation for the contributions of  
32 diverse cultures. Before recommending state learning standards and  
33 grade-level expectations that meet the requirements of this subsection,  
34 the committee shall review best practices in ethnic studies.

35 2. Advise, assist and make recommendations to the superintendent of  
36 public instruction regarding the development of the model ethnic studies  
37 curriculum required pursuant to section 15-709, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
38 as added by this act.

39 C. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2024.