

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 437

Short Title: Education on the Holocaust and Genocide. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Johnson, Horn, Howard, and Elmore (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 25, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INTEGRATE EDUCATION ON THE HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE INTO
3 THE STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as the "Gizella Abramson Holocaust Education
6 Act."

7 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly finds that knowledge of the Holocaust is
8 essential to provide students with the fundamental understanding of geography, history, and
9 political systems necessary to make informed choices on issues that affect individuals,
10 communities, states, and nations.

11 **SECTION 3.** Part 1 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended
12 by adding a new section to read:

13 "**§ 115C-81.57. Education on the Holocaust and genocide.**

14 (a) The State Board of Education shall review the middle school and high school standard
15 course of study and, in consultation and coordination with the North Carolina Council on the
16 Holocaust and the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, shall (i) integrate
17 into English, social studies courses, and other courses as appropriate, education on the Holocaust
18 and genocide and (ii) develop a curriculum for a Holocaust Studies elective that may be offered
19 in middle schools and high schools of local school administrative units.

20 (b) The Department of Public Instruction shall provide or cause to be provided
21 curriculum content and local boards of education shall provide or cause to be provided
22 professional development to ensure that the intent and provisions of this section are effectively
23 implemented. The North Carolina Council on the Holocaust and the North Carolina Center for
24 the Advancement of Teaching may, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction
25 and local boards of education, provide curriculum content and professional development."

26 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
27 the 2020-2021 school year.

