

AMENDMENTS TO LB359

Introduced by Education.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 79-719, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 79-719 For purposes of sections 79-719 to 79-723, multicultural
6 education includes and reflects the diverse races and cultures of all
7 persons in Nebraska and the United States of America and incorporates the
8 histories, perspectives , ~~but is not limited to, studies relative to the~~
9 ~~culture, history,~~ and contributions of African Americans, Hispanic
10 Americans, Native Americans, and Asian Americans. Special emphasis shall
11 be placed on human relations and sensitivity toward all races,
12 ethnicities, and cultures.

13 Sec. 2. Section 79-720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
14 amended to read:

15 79-720 (1) Each school district, in consultation with the
16 Commissioner State Department of Education, shall incorporate
17 multicultural education into the elementary, middle, and secondary
18 instructional programs provided to students. Beginning with school year
19 2023-24, all approved or accredited private, denominational, and
20 parochial schools shall incorporate multicultural education into
21 elementary, middle, and secondary instructional programs provided to
22 students shall develop for incorporation into all phases of the
23 curriculum of grades kindergarten through twelve a multicultural
24 education program.

25 (2) The department shall (a) employ a full-time consultant trained
26 and experienced in the field of multicultural education and (b) create
27 and distribute recommended multicultural education curriculum guidelines

1 to all schools ~~school districts~~. Each ~~district~~ shall create its own
2 ~~multicultural education program based on such recommended guidelines~~.

3 (3) The incorporation of the multicultural education program into
4 the elementary, middle, and secondary instructional programs of each
5 school ~~curriculum of each district~~ shall not change (a) the number of
6 instructional hours prescribed for ~~elementary and high school~~ students
7 under section 79-211 or (b) ~~the number of instructional hours dedicated~~
8 ~~to the existing curriculum of each district~~.

9 Sec. 3. Section 79-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

11 79-721 (1) ~~Each school district and each approved or accredited~~
12 private, denominational, and parochial school shall present evidence, as
13 ~~annually, in a form~~ prescribed by the Commissioner ~~State Department~~ of
14 Education, to the department that multicultural education is included in
15 the elementary, middle, and secondary instructional programs provided
16 ~~being taught to students pursuant to section 79-720. The department shall~~
17 ~~evaluate the effectiveness of the multicultural education program and~~
18 ~~establish reasonable timelines for the submission of such evidence.~~

19 (2) ~~A school district which fails to provide or fails to provide~~
20 ~~evidence annually of multicultural education pursuant to such section~~
21 ~~shall lose its accreditation status.~~

22 Sec. 4. Section 79-722, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
23 amended to read:

24 79-722 In conjunction with the multicultural education as program
25 prescribed in section 79-720, the Commissioner ~~State Department~~ of
26 Education shall design a process for evaluating such ~~the implementation~~
27 ~~and effectiveness of each multicultural education. Such process program,~~
28 ~~including the collection of baseline data. The collection of baseline~~
29 ~~data for evaluating the implementation and effectiveness of each~~
30 ~~multicultural education program~~ shall not include the testing,
31 assessment, or evaluation of individual students' attitudes or beliefs.

1 An evaluation of the ~~implementation and effectiveness of each~~
2 multicultural education program shall be conducted every five school
3 years. On or before November 1, 2013, and on or before November 1 every
4 five years thereafter, the commissioner ~~department~~ shall report the
5 ~~results of each~~ evaluation of multicultural education to the Clerk of the
6 Legislature, the Education Committee of the Legislature, and the State
7 Board of Education and publish such report on a web site established by
8 the department. The report submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature and
9 the committee shall be submitted electronically.

10 Sec. 5. Section 79-723, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
11 amended to read:

12 79-723 The State Board ~~Department~~ of Education may ~~shall~~ adopt and
13 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out sections 79-719 to 79-722.

14 Sec. 6. Original sections 79-719, 79-720, 79-721, 79-722, and
15 79-723, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.