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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2001**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Diaz**  
**(Coauthor: Assembly Member Liu)**  
(Coauthors: Senators Romero and Soto)

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An act relating to high school curriculum, ~~and making an appropriation therefor.~~

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AB 2001, as amended, Diaz. Ethnic studies.

Existing law prescribes the required courses of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive.

This bill would require the State Department of Education, in consultation with the University of California and the California State University, to establish a task force, as prescribed, to identify model programs, standards, and curricula relating to ethnic studies at the high school level. The bill would require the task force, on or before January 1, 2004, to submit the report to the Governor and the Legislature and to make the report available on the department's Internet Web site.

~~The bill would appropriate an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the department for purposes of the report. The funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~yes~~ no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The State Department of Education, in  
2 consultation with the University of California and the California  
3 State University, shall establish a task force to identify model  
4 programs, standards, and curricula relating to ethnic studies at the  
5 high school level. The task force shall also identify factors to train  
6 teachers to work effectively with diverse pupils and families and  
7 to encourage respect for diversity in the classroom.
- 8 (b) The task force, shall prepare a report that, at minimum, does  
9 all of the following:
- 10 (1) Reviews the most current research on ethnic studies for  
11 secondary education.
  - 12 (2) Reviews and evaluates existing standards, curricula,  
13 programs, and training regarding ethnic studies for secondary  
14 education.
  - 15 (3) Identifies the best practices and standards for establishing  
16 and implementing ethnic studies in public high schools.
  - 17 (4) Assesses the adequacy of current ethnic studies courses in  
18 California public high schools.
  - 19 (5) Makes recommendations for establishing ~~and~~  
20 ~~implementing~~ a "California Cultures" course or ethnic studies  
21 ~~course as a required part of the public~~ *that can be incorporated into*  
22 *existing* high school curriculum.
- 23 (c) The task force shall complete and submit the report to the  
24 Governor and the Legislature on or before January 1, 2004. The  
25 report shall also be made available to the public on the  
26 department's Internet Web site.
- 27 (d) The task force shall be comprised of experts on ethnic  
28 studies, multiculturalism, or diversity including, but not limited to,  
29 all of the following:
- 30 (1) Representatives from the State Department of Education.
  - 31 (2) Representatives from the University of California.
  - 32 (3) Representatives from the California State University.
  - 33 (4) Academic faculty, researchers, and scientists with  
34 backgrounds in ethnic studies, American studies, history,  
35 education, psychology, or medicine.



1 (5) Representatives from community-based organizations  
2 concerned with pupil issues or civil rights.

3 (6) Representatives from professional associations relating to  
4 ethnic studies.

5 (7) Educators in secondary education.

6 (e) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (d), this act shall not  
7 apply to the University of California, except to the extent that the  
8 Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution,  
9 make this section applicable.

10 ~~SEC. 2. (a) The sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) is hereby~~  
11 ~~appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department of~~  
12 ~~Education for the purpose of funding the report required pursuant~~  
13 ~~to Section 1 of this act.~~

14 ~~(b) For purposes of making the computations required by~~  
15 ~~Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the~~  
16 ~~appropriation made by subdivision (a) shall be deemed to be~~  
17 ~~“General Fund revenues appropriated to school districts,” as~~  
18 ~~defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code~~  
19 ~~for the 1998–99 fiscal year and included within the “total~~  
20 ~~allocations to school districts and community college districts~~  
21 ~~from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to~~  
22 ~~Article XIII B” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of~~  
23 ~~the Education Code, for the 1998–99 fiscal year.~~

