

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 78**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes**

December 23, 2002

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An act to add Section 51221.4 to the Education Code, relating to curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 78, as introduced, Reyes. Education: curriculum.

Under existing law, the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, is required to include instruction in the social sciences, as prescribed.

This bill would express the encouragement of the Legislature for that instruction to contain instruction on the Vietnam War and the role of the Hmong people in that war. The bill would additionally express the encouragement of the Legislature that the instruction include a component drawn from personal testimony of Hmong people who were involved in the Vietnam war and those men and women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 51221.4 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 51221.4. The Legislature encourages instruction in the area of
- 4 social sciences, as required pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section
- 5 51220, which may include instruction on the Vietnam War and the

1 role of the Hmong people in that war. The Legislature encourages  
2 that this instruction include, but not be limited to, a component  
3 drawn from personal testimony, especially in the form of oral or  
4 video history of Hmong people who were involved in the Vietnam  
5 War and those men and women who contributed to the war effort  
6 on the homefront. The oral histories used as a part of the instruction  
7 regarding the role of the Hmong people in the Vietnam War shall  
8 exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide range of  
9 ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate and provide  
10 intelligence for the United States. The oral histories shall contain  
11 the views and comments of their subjects regarding the reasons for  
12 Hmong participation in the war. These oral histories shall also  
13 solicit comments from their subjects regarding the aftermath of the  
14 war and the immigration of the Hmong people to the United States.

