

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1094

By: Woolley

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Department of Education to develop curriculum resources related to the atrocities of communism; mandating the atrocities of communism be taught in grades six through twelve; specifying requirements for the manner of teaching; directing the State Department of Education to develop professional learning opportunities; defining communism; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.17 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Education, in consultation with experts in political history, human rights, and the history of communism, shall develop, and make available to public schools, resources related to the atrocities of communism for grade-appropriate instruction of students in grades six through twelve.

B. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, the atrocities of communism shall be taught to students in grades six through twelve

1 in public schools in this state, as prescribed in the Oklahoma  
2 Academic Standards. This instruction may be integrated into one or  
3 more existing courses of study and shall be taught in a manner that:

4 1. Fosters an understanding of the causes, rise, and  
5 consequences of communist regimes, including the historical context  
6 of hostile takeovers and political revolutions;

7 2. Explores the human cost of communism, including the  
8 systematic slaughter, imprisonment, and oppression of individuals,  
9 as well as the loss of basic freedoms and human rights;

10 3. Examines the effects of communism on societies, economies,  
11 and cultures, highlighting the destruction of social and economic  
12 structures under such regimes;

13 4. Promotes dialogue on the advantages and protections afforded  
14 to Americans through the principles of the United States'  
15 constitutional republic political structure, including individual  
16 liberties, property rights, and the rule of law; and

17 5. Develops critical thinking about political systems,  
18 encouraging students to evaluate the values and outcomes of freedom,  
19 constitutional republics, and human dignity.

20 C. The State Department of Education, in consultation with  
21 experts in political history and education, shall develop and  
22 implement high-quality professional learning opportunities for  
23 educators tasked with teaching the atrocities of communism.

1 D. For the purposes of this section, "communism" refers to a  
2 political and economic ideology advocating for a classless society  
3 under state-controlled means of production, historically leading to  
4 authoritarian governance, widespread oppression, and mass  
5 atrocities, as seen in regimes such as the Soviet Union, the  
6 People's Republic of China, Cuba, Cambodia, and others.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.  
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