

# SENATE BILL NO. 800

January 12, 2022, Introduced by Senators WOJNO, HOLLIER, CHANG, GEISS, BULLOCK, BAYER, MCMORROW, ALEXANDER, POLEHANKI, MOSS, IRWIN and BRINKS and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1164c.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1164c. (1) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the  
2 board of each school district and intermediate school district and  
3 board of directors of each public school academy shall ensure that  
4 1 unit of instruction of age- and grade-appropriate instruction  
5 concerning Arab American and Chaldean American history is

1 incorporated in the history curriculum provided to pupils enrolled  
2 in the school district, intermediate school district, or public  
3 school academy. The instruction concerning Arab American and  
4 Chaldean American history described in this subsection must cover,  
5 but is not limited to, historical Arab American and Chaldean  
6 American events, including, but not limited to, all of the  
7 following:

8 (a) The contributions made by individual Arab Americans and  
9 Chaldean Americans in government, the arts, humanities, and  
10 sciences and the contributions of Arab American and Chaldean  
11 American communities to the economic, cultural, social, and  
12 political development of the United States.

13 (b) The history of Arab Americans and Chaldean Americans in  
14 this state and the Midwest.

15 (c) The contributions of Arab Americans and Chaldean Americans  
16 toward advancing civil rights from the nineteenth century onward.

17 (2) The superintendent of public instruction may adopt or  
18 develop and make available to school districts, intermediate school  
19 districts, and public school academies instructional materials,  
20 including, but not limited to, materials produced by the Public  
21 Broadcasting Service, that may be used as guidelines for the  
22 development of the 1 unit of instruction described in subsection  
23 (1).

24 (3) The superintendent of each school district or intermediate  
25 school district or the chief administrator of each public school  
26 academy shall monitor the school district's, intermediate school  
27 district's, or public school academy's compliance with this  
28 section.

29 (4) Subject to other state laws concerning virtual courses or

1 online instruction, a school district, intermediate school  
2 district, or public school academy may meet the requirements under  
3 this section through the provision of a virtual course or online  
4 instruction.

5 (5) As used in this section, "1 unit of instruction" means the  
6 minimum amount of instructional time determined by the board of the  
7 school district or intermediate school district or board of  
8 directors of the public school academy, as applicable, implementing  
9 the instruction.