

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4276

February 28, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Gay-Dagnogo, Tyrone Carter, Bolden, Hood, Sowerby, Clemente, Shannon, Anthony, Guerra, Manoogian, Brixie, Kuppa, Hoadley, Pagan, LaGrand, Stone, Garza, Brenda Carter, Kennedy, Ellison, Cynthia Johnson, Witwer, Yancey, Neeley, Garrett, Byrd, Wittenberg, Sabo, Hertel, Cambensy, Hope, Love, Coleman, Jones, Elder, Tate, Lasinski, Haadsma, Hammoud, Cherry, Chirkun, Sneller, Warren, Koleszar, Pohutsky, Rabhi, Camilleri and Greig and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

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

1           **Sec. 1164. (1) The commission on the inclusion of African-**  
2 **American history in K to 12 instruction is created as a temporary**  
3 **commission described in section 4 of article V of the state**  
4 **constitution of 1963. The department shall provide staffing and**  
5 **support for the commission.**

6           **(2) Not later than 30 days after the effective date of the**



1 amendatory act that added this section, the governor shall appoint  
2 members to the commission in consultation with the department. The  
3 commission shall consist of the following 5 members:

- 4 (a) One representative from the University of Michigan.  
5 (b) One representative from Michigan State University.  
6 (c) One representative from Wayne State University.  
7 (d) One individual who is capable of adequately representing  
8 the interest of teachers.  
9 (e) One individual who is capable of adequately representing  
10 the interest of school district officials.

11 (3) Not later than 60 days after the effective date of the  
12 amendatory act that added this section, the superintendent of  
13 public instruction shall call the first meeting of the commission.  
14 At the first meeting, the commission shall elect from among its  
15 voting members a chairperson and other officers as it considers  
16 necessary or appropriate. After the first meeting, the commission  
17 shall meet at times and places specified by the chairperson or a  
18 majority of its voting members.

19 (4) A majority of the members of the commission constitute a  
20 quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the  
21 commission. A majority of the members present and serving are  
22 required for official action of the commission.

23 (5) The business that the commission may perform must be  
24 conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in compliance  
25 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

26 (6) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or  
27 retained by the commission in the performance of an official  
28 function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442,  
29 MCL 15.231 to 15.246.



1 (7) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation  
2 and shall not be reimbursed for their expenses.

3 (8) Not later than 365 days after the members of the  
4 commission are appointed, the commission shall provide to the state  
5 board and the standing committees of the legislature responsible  
6 for K to 12 education legislation a recommendation on age- and  
7 grade-appropriate instruction for all grade levels on African-  
8 American history. The recommended instruction must include both of  
9 the following:

10 (a) The study of African-American history during  
11 Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Era, and other eras relevant to  
12 African-American history.

13 (b) The contributions African-Americans have made to the  
14 development of the United States and other countries.

15 (9) After the commission provides to the state board the  
16 recommended instruction under subsection (8), not later than 2  
17 school years following the date on which the state board receives  
18 the recommended instruction under subsection (8), the state board  
19 shall ensure that the recommended model core academic curriculum  
20 content standards for history developed under section 1278 include  
21 for all grade levels age- and grade-appropriate learning objectives  
22 concerning African-American history. Those learning objectives must  
23 be aligned with the commission's recommended instruction.

24 (10) After the commission provides to the state board the  
25 recommended instruction under subsection (8), in addition to the  
26 requirements of section 1279g, beginning with assessments conducted  
27 during the 2025-2026 school year, the superintendent of public  
28 instruction shall ensure that the Michigan merit examination social  
29 studies component and the M-STEP and any successor state assessment



1 for social studies, as appropriate, include questions related to  
2 the learning objectives in the state board recommended model core  
3 academic curriculum content standards concerning African-American  
4 history.

5 (11) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the board of a  
6 school district or board of directors of a public school academy  
7 shall ensure that each school it operates provides instruction to  
8 pupils at all grade levels operated by that school regarding  
9 African-American history, as described in subsection (8).

10 (12) As used in this section, "commission" means the  
11 commission on the inclusion of African-American history in K to 12  
12 instruction created in subsection (1).

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
14 after the date it is enacted into law.

