



SPONSOR: Rep. Dorsey Walker

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1  
TO  
HOUSE BILL NO. 198

1 AMEND House Bill No. 198 by deleting the enactment clause and inserting before line 1 the following:

2 "WHEREAS, the General Assembly has traditionally left the development of school curricula up to the school  
3 districts and charter schools; and

4 WHEREAS, the General Assembly intends to leave the future development of school curricula up to the school  
5 districts and charter schools; and

6 WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes that including Black History in the curricula is of such importance  
7 that the General Assembly has designated Black History as a subject the General Assembly chooses to require school  
8 districts and charter schools to include in their curricula.

9 NOW, THEREFORE:

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:".

11 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 198 on line 5 by deleting "History as part of all educational programming."  
12 after "Black" therein and inserting in lieu thereof "History.".

13 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 198 on line 8 by deleting "instruction" after "History" and before "must"  
14 therein and inserting in lieu thereof "curricula".

15 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 198 after line 20 and before line 21 by inserting the following:

16 "(5) The curricula developed must ensure the material is presented in an age appropriate manner.".

17 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 198 on line 26 by deleting "Instruction" after "(c)" and before "required"  
18 therein and inserting in lieu thereof "Curricula".

19 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 198 on line 57 by deleting "subsection (b) of this section and how the  
20 curriculum" after "under" and before "has" therein and inserting in lieu thereof "subsection (a)(3) and how the curricula".

21 FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 198 on line 58 by deleting "school under subsection (d) of this section." after  
22 "charter" and inserting "school".

## SYNOPSIS

This Amendment does the following:

(1) Adds whereas clauses to express the General Assembly's intention that development of curricula is up to the school districts and charter schools, and that the General Assembly is identifying material that must be included in the curricula only in this special circumstance.

(2) Removes language from § 4142(a)(1), which added ambiguity to the section.

(3) Requires that the Black History curricula be age appropriate.

(4) Replaces the word "instruction" with the word "curricula" to clarify that Black History education, as a whole, must include the topics required in § 4142(a)(3) and be designed to do what is required by § 4142(c), but that not every instance of instruction must include every item listed in those paragraphs.