

HB1059/753525/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1059
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before “**Education**” insert “**State Department of**”; strike beginning with “**Professional**” in line 2 down through “**Materials**” in line 3 and substitute “**Accurate Instruction**”; strike beginning with “State” in line 4 down through “materials;” in line 10 and substitute “State Department of Education to establish a program designed to assist with the accurate teaching of Asian American history; requiring the Department to identify certain courses and materials and make available a certain professional development course;”; strike beginning with “continuing” in line 10 down through “on” in line 11 and substitute “a program assisting with the accurate teaching of”; strike in their entirety lines 12 through 16, inclusive; and in line 18, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 11 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The State Department of Education shall establish a program designed to assist with the accurate teaching of Asian American history in accordance with this section.

(b) (1) The Department shall identify existing courses and materials that can be adapted into a professional development course on Asian American history for educators in the State from the following entities:

- (i) the Smithsonian Institution;
- (ii) the Asian American Education Project;

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(iii) Teach AAPI;

(iv) the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Resource Center at San Diego State University;

(v) the Sikh Coalition;

(vi) the National Council for Social Studies; and

(vii) the Asian American Foundation.

(2) Based on the material the Department is able to collect from the entities described under paragraph (1) of this subsection, and using existing resources, the Department shall make available a professional development course on Asian American history by:

(i) developing a course;

(ii) adapting an existing course developed by an entity listed under paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

(iii) making available an existing course offered by an entity listed under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) A professional development course offered in accordance with this subsection shall be aligned with the State Board of Education's existing social studies standards.

(c) In the 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 school years, the Department shall identify age-appropriate materials for use in instruction during Asian American history month and disseminate the materials to each county board of education.

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(d) In carrying out its duties under this section, the Department shall consult with academics, organizations, and leaders with expertise in Asian American history.

(e) (1) On or before December 1, 2028, the State Department of Education shall report on the results of its activities under this section, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

(2) The Department shall include in its report under this subsection, information about Asian American history that, in school years 2026–2027 and 2027–2028, has been incorporated into the program of instruction in public schools in the State.”.

On page 3, in line 13, after “2026.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2029, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.