

HOUSE BILL 1059

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HB 1323/25 – W&M

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By: **Delegates Valderrama, Bhandari, Chang, Wolek, and Wu**
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Asian American History – Professional Development and Library**
3 **Materials**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to evaluate certain Asian
5 American history training programs for inclusion in the State Department of
6 Education’s continuing professional development program and requiring the
7 Department to publicize these programs; establishing the Asian American History
8 Grant Program to provide expanded access to professional development in Asian
9 American history to educators and to provide funding to school libraries to purchase
10 certain materials; and generally relating to continuing professional development for
11 educators and library materials on Asian American history.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 6–132
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 **6–132.**

21 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
22 **INDICATED.**

23 **(2) “CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM” MEANS**
24 **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES OR PROGRAMS**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

2 (3) "PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POINT" MEANS A UNIT USED TO
3 RENEW TEACHER LICENSES EARNED THROUGH COMPLETION OF SPECIFIC
4 PROFESSIONALLY ALIGNED TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS.

5 (B) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DIVISION OF EDUCATOR
6 EFFECTIVENESS SHALL EVALUATE ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY TRAINING
7 PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE
8 DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THROUGH
9 WHICH EDUCATORS EARN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POINTS:

10 (1) THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION;

11 (2) THE ASIAN AMERICAN EDUCATION PROJECT;

12 (3) TEACHER AAPI;

13 (4) THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER DESI AMERICAN RESOURCE
14 CENTER AT SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY;

15 (5) THE SIKH COALITION;

16 (6) THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL STUDIES; AND

17 (7) THE ASIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION.

18 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING
19 PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
20 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

21 (D) (1) THERE IS AN ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY GRANT PROGRAM.

22 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

23 (I) PROVIDE EXPANDED ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL
24 DEVELOPMENT IN ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY TO EDUCATORS; AND

25 (II) PROVIDE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES TO PURCHASE
26 MATERIALS ON ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HISTORY.

27 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

1 **(4) AN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, OR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER MAY**
2 **SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT OF UP TO**
3 **\$2,000 TO COVER COSTS RELATED TO OBTAINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
4 **POINTS THROUGH A PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

5 **(5) A SCHOOL LIBRARY MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE**
6 **DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT OF UP TO \$1,000 PER YEAR TO PURCHASE**
7 **AGE-APPROPRIATE MATERIALS ON ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER**
8 **HISTORY.**

9 **(6) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**
10 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION**
11 **OF \$500,000 FOR THE PROGRAM.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2026.