

Chair Doherty, Members of the House Committee on Education, I urge you to support HB 2845 which directs the Department of Education to convene an advisory group to develop standards for ethnic studies for K-12 education.

A program of ethnic studies will enrich the educational experience for all children, helping to prepare them to participate in a diverse society. It can offer a positive sense of identity and inclusion for children who are members of ethnic minorities. And it will promote greater understanding among children of different groups that will hopefully persist into their adult relationships.

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