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Measure Description:

Aligns implementation date of academic content standards for Holocaust and genocide studies with implementation date of academic content standards for ethnic studies.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, School Districts

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Department of Education		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$153,819	\$87,896
Services and Supplies	\$363,647	\$261,825
Special Payments	\$2,250,000	\$4,000,000
Total Fiscal Impact	\$2,767,466	\$4,349,721
Total Positions	1	1
Total FTE	0.88	0.50

Analysis:

Senate Bill 1050 extends the implementation date of the required academic content standards related to Holocaust and genocide studies by one year, from the 2025-26 school year to the 2026-27 school year, to align with the implementation date of content standards for ethnic studies. School districts may offer related instruction prior to the measure's implementation date. The measure requires the Department of Education (ODE) to provide professional development to teachers and administrators relating to Holocaust and genocide studies, in addition to ethnic studies. ODE must ensure that school districts are able to offer instruction that meets both sets of content standards by the 2026-2027 school year. The State Board of Education must adopt rules that establish standards and criteria for professional development related to Holocaust and genocide studies and ethnic studies content standards. The measure takes effect on January 1, 2024.

Department of Education

The measure is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on ODE. The measure directs ODE to provide professional development to schools and school districts to support the teaching of the new social science content standards. ODE will likely hire a third-party contractor to provide professional learning, materials and resources regarding the Holocaust, genocide, ethnic studies integrated social science standards, and Tribal History/Shared History. This ongoing professional development will train teachers and administrators to teach these new standards. The estimated cost of this contract is \$240,000 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium and the 2025-27 biennium.

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To offer professional development, ODE will need to provide Grant-in-Aid funding for kindergarten through grade 5 teachers and grade 6 through grade 12 social science teachers. The estimated cost of this Grant-in-Aid professional development to teachers is \$2,250,000 General Fund in 2023-25 and \$4,000,000 General Fund in 2025-27.

To implement the measure, ODE anticipates needing one full-time, limited duration Program Analyst 1 position (0.88 FTE) to manage the Grant-in-Aid application and approval process, communicate with school districts about professional development learning opportunities offered by contractors, and provide resources and materials to educators and administrators. The estimated total cost of this position, including related services and supplies, is \$187,719 General Fund in 2023-25 and \$109,721 General Fund in 2025-27.

ODE plans to form a 20-member advisory committee, consisting of teachers, administrators, and other educational leaders representing diverse communities across the state, which will meet both in-person and virtually between January 2024 and June 2025. The estimated total cost of the advisory committee is \$54,747 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium. The advisory committee will not continue past 2023-25. ODE also plans to establish a 10-member instructional materials panel for the identification and adoption of instructional materials aligned to the standards for classroom instruction. Including assumptions for substitute teacher pay, venue, meals, travel reimbursement, and publisher fees, the estimated cost of the instructional materials panel is \$35,000 General Fund in 2023-25. The panel will not continue past 2023-25.

The estimated total fiscal impact to ODE is \$2,767,466 General Fund in 2023-25 and \$4,349,896 General Fund in 2025-27.

School Districts

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on school districts.

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