

Subject Social Studies Standards

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### Overview

This bill repeals ethnic studies requirements enacted in 2023 and suspends implementation of revised social studies standards.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Revisions and reviews required. [Required academic standards]</b> Delays the 2020-2021 review of social studies standards to the 2030-2031 school year. Strikes requirement that commissioner embed ethnic studies into all required academic standards.
2	<b>Credit equivalencies. [Credits]</b> Strikes language allowing an ethnic studies course to be used to fulfill a social studies, language arts, arts, math, or science credit, or an elective credit if the course meets applicable standards.
3	<b>Definitions. [Comprehensive achievement and civic readiness]</b> Strikes definition of “ethnic studies.”
4	<b>Plan implementation; components. [Achievement and integration for Minnesota]</b> Strikes clause allowing a district’s achievement and integration plan to include instruction in ethnic studies.
5	<b>Ethnic studies community consultation. [2023 appropriation]</b> Reduces fiscal year 2025 appropriation for ethnic studies community consultation, and provides that appropriation was onetime.
6	<b>Ethnic studies school grants. [2023 appropriation, as amended by 2024 session law]</b> Strikes fiscal year 2025 appropriation and cancels part of fiscal year 2024 appropriation to the general fund, and provides that appropriation was onetime.

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7	<b>Department. [2023 appropriation, as amended by 2024 session law]</b> Reduces appropriation to the Department of Education by \$150,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and strikes rider setting aside \$150,000 per year for an ethnic studies specialist. Reduces the base for fiscal year 2026 and later.
8	<b>Social studies standards suspension.</b> Requires the commissioner of education to suspend implementation of revised social studies and benchmarks. Requires districts and charter schools to continue to provide instruction in social studies aligned with the standards and benchmarks adopted in 2012 until new standards and benchmarks are adopted following revision of the standards in the 2030-2031 school year.
9	<b>Repealer.</b> Repeals sections 120B.25 (definition of “ethnic studies”) and 120B.251 (“ethnic studies requirements”).



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