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RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 26, 2022

Re: SB 1671

Signed: May 22, 2022

Effective: July 1, 2022

Topic: **Holocaust Education**

Summary: Senate Bill 1671 (the “Bill”) creates a new section of law at OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 11-103.60 and requires Holocaust education to be taught to students in grades six through twelve beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

The State Department of Education Must Provide Resources

The Bill requires the State Department of Education (“SDOE”) to develop and make resources related to Holocaust education available. Those resources must be grade-appropriate for students in grades six through twelve. The Bill further requires the SDOE to develop and implement high quality professional learning opportunities for Holocaust education teachers.

School Curriculum

Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, Holocaust education must be taught to grades six through twelve, as prescribed in the Oklahoma Academic Standards. Holocaust education may be integrated into one or more existing courses and must be taught in a manner that generates an understanding of the causes, course, and effects of the Holocaust; develops dialogue with students on the ramifications of bullying, bigotry, stereotyping, and discrimination; and encourages tolerance of diversity and reverence for human dignity for all citizens in a pluralistic society.

For More Information

Please visit the firm’s website to view the signed Bill.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.