

We, The Educational Justice Collective at Southern Connecticut State University are writing in support of House Bill Hb7082, an act concerning the inclusion of African-American Studies in the Public-School curriculum. This is important because African-American History is American History. African-American History does not start with slavery and should not be minimized to slavery or a brief overview of the Civil Rights heroes during Black History month. Students deserve to view history and literature through a lens that is not only of the white American. This does not only benefit our Black students but all students. As future educators, we recognize the importance of the values and humanity of all students. We hope this is the first--long overdue--step in creating an anti-racist curriculum for all students in Connecticut.

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