

House Bill # 7082 – Pamela Floyd-Cranford

I'm writing to support the proposed House Bill # 7082 by State Representative Bobby Gibson.

I firmly believe it is paramount for African American Studies to be implemented into the curriculum of all public, charter and magnet schools from grades K through 12.

All students should have the knowledge of the great contributions that African Americans have made today's country. All children should know that African-American built this country by their sweat, blood and tears. They should know that our history in American goes far beyond slavery and slave labor.

I am a manager at the State Department of Children and Families, (DCF). I have worked with a myriad of children and youth over my 30 year career at DCF. Many of these children, particularly the African-American youth are not aware of the major influences that African-Americans have on all of our daily lives. Some of them have been separated from their families and disconnected from their own family history. For African-American youth in DCF's care, having awareness about their African-American heritage and proud ancestry is vital to their self-esteem. All children should know about the inventions and innovative ideas that African-American brought forth but were not acknowledged for.

I am a Town Director for the town of Manchester. Our town is very diverse. I strongly recommend African-American Studies to be fused into the Manchester school systems overall curriculum.

Again, I am in strong support of House Bill # 7082 being put forth by State Representative Bobby Gibson

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