

My name is Linda Harris. In a writing in support of Raised H.B. No. 7082, An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in the Public-School Curriculum. The history of this country and those of African descent is interwoven. Therefore, the history of the evolution of African peoples must be taught to all students as they explore the evolution of America. African- Americans are the only people in this country whose ancestors were brought to this country enslaved. The legacy of numerous policies and procedures that were implemented to support the systems which have a direct impact today in maintaining a race of people as marginalized individuals should be discussed through the lens of social studies. It is important to teach all students the intersection of contributions of people of African descent, the resiliency and challenges in the development of American culture as they exercise rights and access to freedoms that others have benefited from without having to expend any energy. This history must be taught as a part of the social studies curriculum in the public school to provide an accurate integrated picture of the evolution of America and the role of African-Americans.

Sincerely,

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