

Hello,

My name is Jonaya-Mone Muse and I am a freshman at the University of New Haven majoring in Criminal Justice. I have recently heard about the [House Bill 7082](#), An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in the Public School Curriculum. I just wanted to say that this bill is very important especially for African American students. I grew up in a predominately white school system where I was always one of few black students. Only time I learned about black history was during the month of February because the teachers felt obligated to teach it because of black history month. Every year I learned about the same civil rights leaders, the same marches, and the same laws that were passed and denied. Once it hit March 1st we went back into learning about America's history. Its not surprising that only 13 states currently mandate African American studies to be taught in schools but I feel as though all African American students have the right to learn about their history and not just American colonizers.

Sincerely,
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