

We, The Sisters in School Together Achieving Success (SISTAS) organization at Southern Connecticut State University are writing in support of House Bill 7082, an act concerning the inclusion of African-American Studies in the Public-School Curriculum. This is important because African-Americans lack representation in the school systems curriculum. It is important to learn about information from the past so it doesn't repeat itself in the future. Everyone knows about the holocaust but not about slavery. Black History does not start or end with slavery. Everyone knows about Queen Elizabeth but not about the Ethiopian Kings and Queens before her. Issues regarding race need to be talked about more rather than only speaking about it when incidents happen. We are also calling for a combined bill that requires The History of Racism in the believe there needs to be racial bias trainings that will be mandatory for social studies teachers and administrators.