



**SENATE BILL 1890**

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to the history of communism.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Each LEA and public charter school shall provide age- and grade-appropriate instruction to students on the history of communism. The instruction must include:

(1) The history of communism in the United States and domestic communist movements, including the tactics of communist movements;

(2) Atrocities committed in foreign countries under the guidance of communism;

(3) Comparative discussion of political ideologies, such as communism and totalitarianism, which conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy essential to the founding principles of the United States;

(4) The increasing threat of communism in the United States and to our allies throughout the twentieth century, including the events of the Cultural Revolution in the People's Republic of China and other mass killings from communist regimes;

(5) The economic, industrial, and political events that preceded and anticipated communist revolutions; and

(6) The communist policies of Cuba and the spread of communist ideologies throughout Latin America, including the roots of the Communist Party of Cuba and guerilla forces throughout Latin America.

(b) The department of education shall develop guidance to assist LEAs and public charter schools in providing the age- and grade-appropriate instruction required in this section, and may seek input from any individual who was a victim of communism or any state- or nationally recognized organization dedicated to the victims of communism.

SECTION 2. For purposes of developing guidance for LEAs and public charter schools, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2026-2027 school year and each school year thereafter.

Amendment No. 1 to SB1890

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Signature of Sponsor

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1890**

**House Bill No. 1805\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Beginning with the next adoption of academic standards in the subject of social studies, the standards recommendation committee shall include in their final recommendations of academic standards in the subject of social studies to the state board of education, and the state board shall adopt, grade-appropriate academic standards on the history of communism that includes:

(1) The history of communism in the United States and domestic communist movements, including the tactics of communist movements;

(2) Atrocities committed in foreign countries under the guidance of communism;

(3) Comparative discussion of political ideologies, such as communism and totalitarianism, which conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy essential to the founding principles of the United States;

(4) The increasing threat of communism in the United States and to our allies throughout the twentieth century, including the events of the Cultural Revolution in the People's Republic of China and other mass killings from communist regimes;

(5) The economic, industrial, and political events that preceded and anticipated communist revolutions; and

(6) The communist policies of Cuba and the spread of communist ideologies throughout Latin America, including the roots of the Communist Party of Cuba and guerilla forces throughout Latin America.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.