

HR 6902

Black History is American History Act

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Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 22, 2020
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Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 15, 2020)

Black History is American History Act

This bill requires entities (e.g., institutions of higher education, libraries, and museums), in order to be eligible for certain grants administered by the Department of Education (ED), to include Black history in their teaching of American history. It also requires Black history to be included in tests administered by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

Specifically, the bill mandates the inclusion of Black history as a required component of American history for such entities to be eligible for American History and Civics Academies' competitive grants. These grants support the establishment of (1) Presidential Academies for Teachers of American History and Civics, which offer workshops to teachers of American history and civics to strengthen their knowledge and prepare them to teach in these subjects; and (2) Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics, which support high school students in developing an understanding of these subjects. (Currently, Black history is not a required component of American history for either academy.)

In addition, ED must give priority to grant applicants that align their activities with programs and resources of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The bill also requires the inclusion of Black history in tests administered by the NAEP, which measures student academic achievement in various subjects.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **May 15, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.