

HR 971

Black History Matters Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 9, 2023
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jul 18, 2023
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Oct 25, 2024
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Nov 12, 2024
Rep. McIver, LaMonica [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Dec 3, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 9, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Feb 9, 2023)

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### Black History Matters Act

This bill directs the National Museum of African American History and Culture to study and report on Black history education in public elementary and secondary schools.

Among other elements, the study must (1) identify the states and local educational agencies that require (and those that do not require) Black history education as part of the curriculum taught in public elementary and secondary schools, (2) assess the quality of Black history education provided by schools, and (3) assess the types and quality of instructional material used to teach students about Black history.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
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