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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 426

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring inclusion in the curricu-
7 lum of schools instruction regarding the
8 role and contributions of various ethnic
9 groups to the history of this country."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. AS 14.05 is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 Sec. 14.05.180. COURSES REGARDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
14 ETHNIC GROUPS TO AMERICAN HISTORY REQUIRED. The department
15 shall prepare guidelines and resource units on the role and
16 contributions of American Negroes and other ethnic groups in
17 the history of this country. Each school system in the state
18 shall incorporate the guidelines and resource units into
19 appropriate courses of study and include the courses in the
20 curriculum of that school system.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 14.10.100 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 14.10.100. SELECTION, ADOPTION AND USE OF TEXT-
23 BOOKS. The department shall select and adopt uniform sets of
24 textbooks for use in all branches of study presented in the
25 elementary schools, and shall select and adopt an approved
26 list of textbooks for use in each of the subjects presented
27 in the high schools. None of the books selected and adopted
28 shall contain anything of a partisan or sectarian character
29 or anything that does not correctly portray the role and

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contribution of the American Negro and members of other ethnic groups in the total development of the United States.
It is unlawful for a school to use textbooks other than those adopted by the department except for purposes of supplementary study. However, where it is impossible for a school to secure approved textbooks, other textbooks may be substituted with the approval of the department.