

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 2

AS-2640-04/TEKR
January 22-23, 2004

**California State University Center of Excellence in the Study of the
Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights and Tolerance**

- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (CSU) support the removal of the sunset provision in the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights and Tolerance Act of 2003 as contained in Assembly Bill 1175; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU support the addition of language to AB 1175 that will require the Center have a reporting relationship, for administrative purposes, at a specific CSU campus; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU support the elimination of language that designates participation of specific campuses; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That no state general funds be used for the Center for at least two years.

RATIONALE: Since the early 1990s the State of California has mandated that the teaching of the Holocaust and genocide be done in grades 7-12. In the years since the passage of that legislation, teacher preparation in this area has been erratic and spotty. To rectify that problem at the urging of faculty from the CSU and supported by the Academic Senate CSU and other groups, the legislature passed AB 2003, the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights and Tolerance Act in the fall of 2002. AB 2003 created a state taskforce on Holocaust and Genocide Education and a center at CSU Chico. The Center has been functioning now for one year and has received over \$190,000 in grants and donations in its first year and an additional \$100,000 before its second year. More than 300 teachers have been trained in workshops and six workshops are scheduled for the spring of 2004. A web site has been created in cooperation with the Department of Education of the State of California. Removing the sunset clause enables the center and the taskforce to continue as long as funding from external sources is available. The clause regarding funding acknowledges the fundraising success of the Center and makes sure that during this budget crisis no state funds will be used to support the Center. Finally, the resolution supports the idea that the Center will be open to involvement of any faculty from the CSU who have the qualifications and desire to participate.

APPROVED – March 11-12, 2004

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 22, 2004

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 5, 2004

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1175

Introduced by Assembly Member Koretz

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Sections 44775.1, ~~44775.7, and 44775.8 of and 44775.7 of~~, to add Section 44775.9 to, the Education Code, and to repeal Section 5 of Chapter 702 of the Statutes of 2002, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1175, as amended, Koretz. The Holocaust and genocide.

Existing law, known as the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance Education Act of 2003, establishes the California Taskforce on Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance Education, as an advisory body, and establishes the Center for Excellence on the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance as a pilot program at the California State University, Chico, to promote education regarding the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance. ~~Existing law requires the center to prepare and submit a report to the Secretary of Education, the Governor, and the Legislature, regarding, among other things, the activities of the center and its progress in achieving specified goals, no later than January 31, 2004.~~ Existing law repeals the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance Education Act of 2003 on January 1, 2005.



This bill would expand the center to the California State University generally, remove references to the pilot program, ~~extend the deadline for submission of the center’s report to January 31, 2005,~~ and delete the repeal date of the act, thereby extending the operation of the act indefinitely. *The bill would enact restrictions concerning the receipt of state funding for the center.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44775.1 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 44775.1. As used in this chapter, the following words have the
4 following meanings:
5 (a) “Taskforce” means the California Taskforce on Holocaust,
6 Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance Education established
7 pursuant to this chapter.
8 (b) “Center” means the Center for Excellence on the Study of
9 the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance
10 established pursuant to this chapter.
11 (c) “State” means the State of California.
12 SEC. 2. Section 44775.7 of the Education Code is amended
13 to read:
14 44775.7. (a) The Center for Excellence on the Study of the
15 Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance is a program
16 of the California State University. The purpose of the program is
17 to accomplish all of the following:
18 (1) Create a center to coordinate and act as a clearinghouse of
19 information on programs that provide teachers with the
20 knowledge, training, and curricular materials to effectively teach
21 pupils in the public schools about the Holocaust, genocide, human
22 rights, and tolerance as established in the History-Social Science
23 Framework and Content Standards for California Public Schools.
24 (2) Expand upon the work of existing Holocaust and genocide
25 institutions, programs, and organizations, including the Museum
26 of Tolerance, to provide teacher training, curricular materials, and
27 other instructional resources that complement and integrate, rather
28 than duplicate, those efforts.



1 (b) The goals of the center shall be to accomplish all of the
2 following:

3 (1) Expand upon the framework established by the Model
4 Curriculum for Human Rights and Genocide offered by the
5 department.

6 (2) Develop and facilitate teacher access to instructional
7 materials on the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance.

8 (3) Expand delivery of training, materials, and resources on the
9 Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance through the
10 provision of online as well as face-to-face resources and classes.

11 (4) Create an integrated statewide clearinghouse of
12 information on teacher training, instructional materials, and
13 resources available through existing Holocaust and genocide
14 institutions, programs, organizations, and the center.

15 (5) Support the integration of survivor testimony into
16 instruction on the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and
17 tolerance.

18 (c) The director of the center shall prepare a master plan for the
19 implementation of the program that outlines the manner in which
20 the goals of the program will be accomplished and measured.

21 (d) The center shall work cooperatively with designated
22 California State University campuses, including, but not limited
23 to, Fresno, San Diego, San Francisco, Sacramento, Stanislaus,
24 Sonoma, Northridge, and Long Beach, to offer training, curricular
25 materials, and resources for teachers to effectively instruct on the
26 Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and tolerance.

27 ~~SEC. 3. Section 44775.8 of the Education Code is amended~~
28 ~~to read:~~

29 ~~44775.8. The center shall engage in the following activities:~~

30 ~~(a) Support and facilitate teachers' use of certificate programs~~
31 ~~in Holocaust and genocide studies developed through the~~
32 ~~California State University.~~

33 ~~(b) Act as a clearinghouse for teacher training materials.~~

34 ~~(c) Provide specialized training for teachers and school~~
35 ~~districts.~~

36 ~~(d) Assess and monitor the effectiveness of teacher training~~
37 ~~programs provided by the center.~~

38 ~~(e) Promote Holocaust and genocide awareness.~~

39 ~~(f) Compile a roster of volunteers who are willing to share their~~
40 ~~survivor testimony in classrooms, seminars, and workshops on the~~



1 ~~subject of the Holocaust or genocide and make the roster available~~
2 ~~on the center's Web site.~~

3 ~~(g) Solicit financial support from both the public and private~~
4 ~~sectors.~~

5 ~~(h) Promote activities to memorialize the Holocaust and~~
6 ~~genocide events.~~

7 ~~(i) Prepare and submit a report to the Secretary for Education,~~
8 ~~the Governor, and the Legislature no later than January 31, 2005,~~
9 ~~outlining the activities of the center and reporting on the progress~~
10 ~~made in achieving the goals outlined in subdivision (b) of Section~~
11 ~~44775.7. In addition, the report shall include information on the~~
12 ~~amount of nonstate funds secured for the purposes of the center~~
13 ~~and the number of teachers who have participated in training~~
14 ~~provided by the center.~~

15 *SEC. 3. Section 44775.9 is added to the Education Code, to*
16 *read:*

17 *44775.9. No funds, or resources supported by funds, available*
18 *to the California State University for support of its educational*
19 *mission shall be redirected to support the center, including*
20 *revenues from the General Fund, the California State Lottery*
21 *Education Fund, and student fee revenues, as well as*
22 *reimbursements and other income that otherwise would be*
23 *available for support of the educational mission of the center.*

24 *SEC. 4. Section 5 of Chapter 702 of the Statutes of 2002 is*
25 *repealed.*

