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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 491, L.D. 1202, “An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Provide Funding to Support African American Studies”

Amend the bill in section 2 in §14 in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 9 and 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "serve as a resource to educators, schools and the department to ensure" and inserting the following: 'monitor and measure'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §14 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 2, lines 1 to 19 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'5. Curricula implementation.** The advisory council shall use data gathered pursuant to the representative statewide sampling conducted by the department under subsection 7 of African American studies curricula in school administrative units to establish a baseline measure of the implementation of African American studies in school administrative units.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 and 6 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 5. Teacher certification.** The State Board of Education shall, no later than July 1, 2026, evaluate whether the adoption of rules to require the completion of an African American studies component in the qualifications for certifying teachers in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 13012-A and 13013 is necessary. The State Board of Education may adopt rules if the State Board of Education determines it necessary.

**Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
African American Studies Advisory Council N549**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to the African American Studies Advisory Council to authorize expenditures of funds received from public or private sources.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
2	All Other	\$500	\$500
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4	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
5	<b>Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334</b>		
6	Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for a contracted review team to conduct statewide		
7	sampling of African American studies curricula in school administrative units.		
8	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
9	All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
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11	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
12	<b>Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334</b>		
13	Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support the work of the African American Studies		
14	Advisory Council.		
15	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
16	All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
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18	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
19	<b>Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334</b>		
20	Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for professional development opportunities for		
21	educators in African American studies.		
22	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
23	All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
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25	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
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27	<b>EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
28	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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30	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>
31	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
32			
33	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$165,500</b></u>	<u><b>\$165,500</b></u>
34	<b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
35	<b>Legislature 0081</b>		
36	Initiative: Appropriates funds for the ongoing expenses of Legislators serving on the		
37	African American Studies Advisory Council.		
38	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
39	Personal Services	\$880	\$880
40	All Other	\$1,920	\$1,920
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42	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,800</u>	<u>\$2,800</u>

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<b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>
<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$167,800</b>	<b>\$167,800</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$168,300</b>	<b>\$168,300</b>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment limits the duties of the African American Studies Advisory Council to establishing a baseline measure of the implementation of African American studies in school administrative units using data collected by the Department of Education. The amendment also strikes the provision related to the convening of a stakeholder group to study an African American studies component to teacher certification requirements and instead allows the State Board of Education to adopt rules to require such a component if the State Board of Education determines that such rules are necessary.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**