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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.

1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
2	All Other	\$500	\$500
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4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
5	Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334		
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	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
9	All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000
12	Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334		
13	Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support the work of the African American Studies		
14	Advisory Council.		
15	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
16	All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
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18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,000	\$15,000
19	Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334		
20	Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for professional development opportunities for		
21	educators in African American studies.		
22	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
23	All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
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25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000
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27	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
28	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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30	GENERAL FUND	\$165,000	\$165,000
31	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
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33	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$165,500	\$165,500
34	LEGISLATURE		
35	Legislature 0081		
36	Initiative: Appropriates funds for the ongoing expenses of Legislators serving on the		
37	African American Studies Advisory Council.		
38	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
39	Personal Services	\$880	\$880
40	All Other	\$1,920	\$1,920
41			
42	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,800	\$2,800

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DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$2,800	\$2,800
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,800	\$2,800

SECTION TOTALS

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$167,800	\$167,800
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$168,300	\$168,300

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)