

STATE OF MAINE

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An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4706, as amended by PL 2021, c. 247, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§4706. Instruction in American history, African American studies, Maine studies, ~~Maine Native American history~~ Wabanaki studies and the history of genocide

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4706, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 247, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

2. Maine studies. Maine history, including the Constitution of Maine, Maine geography and environment and the natural, industrial and economic resources of Maine and Maine's cultural and ethnic heritage, must be taught. A required component of Maine studies is ~~Maine Native American~~ Wabanaki studies, and Wabanaki studies may be taught as a component of other content areas, as appropriate, including but not limited to the content areas of English language arts, mathematics, science and fine arts. ~~Maine Native American~~ Wabanaki studies and Maine African American studies must be included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of the learning results conducted in accordance with section 6209, subsection 4. ~~Maine Native American~~ Wabanaki studies must address the following topics:

- A. ~~Maine tribal~~ Wabanaki governments and political systems and their relationship with local, state, national and international governments;
- B. ~~Maine Native American~~ Wabanaki cultural systems and the experience of ~~Maine~~ tribal people throughout history;
- C. ~~Maine Native American~~ Wabanaki territories; and
- D. ~~Maine Native American~~ Wabanaki economic systems.

Sec. 3. Department of Education review of content standards; Wabanaki studies. The Commissioner of Education shall, in the commissioner's next regular review of the content standards and performance indicators by content area pursuant to the Maine

Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 4, consider inclusion of Wabanaki studies in content areas other than social studies, as appropriate.