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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REVISE THE INSTRUCTION PROVIDED ON THE
10 FAILURE OF COMMUNIST AND AUTOCRATIC SYSTEMS AND TO
11 REINFORCE IN REQUIRED INSTRUCTION THE RESILIENCY OF
12 THE CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC SYSTEM ADOPTED BY THE
13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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21 CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC SYSTEM ADOPTED
22 BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 6-16-156. Communism and autocratic government education – Update to existing
29 standards – Definition.

30 (a) Prior to the 2026-2027 school year, the Department of Education
31 shall review and update current social studies standards for grades seven
32 through twelve (7-12) in all public schools to include age-appropriate
33 adjustments in order to ensure curricula, standards, materials, and units
34 accurately compare and contrast the resiliency of the United States’s
35 constitutional republic with the failures of communism and autocratic
36 government systems and other democratic government systems.



1 (b) The updated standards under subsection (a) of this section shall
2 include the following without limitation:

3 (1) The adherence to constitutional limitation in the United
4 States Government;

5 (2) The value of an educated citizenry and its ability to alter
6 government direction via elections;

7 (3) The general subservience of constitutional republics to the
8 citizens, while other forms of government require subservience to a single
9 government institution or a single government leader;

10 (4) The record of mass murder and oppression committed as a
11 result of communism and autocratic governments;

12 (5) The economic structures and related collapses of the
13 economic structures in countries that have adopted communism and autocratic
14 government policies or systems;

15 (6) The issues and failures associated with communism and
16 autocratic governments;

17 (7) The continued failure of communism and autocratic
18 governments resulting from the direct influences of the following without
19 limitation:

20 (A) The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and its
21 successor state, Russia;

22 (B) The People's Republic of China;

23 (C) Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and

24 (D) Argentina; and

25 (8) The natural deterioration of democracies into autocracies
26 over history, including without limitation in Afghanistan, the Democratic
27 Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen.

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29 (c) As used in this section, "communism and autocratic
30 government" means a system of government in which absolute power over a state
31 is concentrated in the hands of a single person or party, whose decisions are
32 subject to neither external legal constraints nor regularized mechanisms of
33 popular control.

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36 **APPROVED: 2/25/25**