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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1060

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6 By: Senator J. Dotson  
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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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20 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. Perils of communism education – Required – Definition.

29 (a) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, education concerning the  
30 perils of communism and autocratic governments shall be taught in all public  
31 schools in a manner that generates an understanding of the following results  
32 of communism and autocratic governments:

33 (1) The record of mass murder and oppression committed as a  
34 result of communism and autocratic governments;

35 (2) The economic structures and related collapses of the  
36 economic structures in countries that have adopted communist policies;



1           (3) The issues and failures associated with communist economic  
2 systems;

3           (4) The continued failure of communism and autocratic  
4 governments resulting from the direct influences of:

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

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

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

9                   (D) Argentina; and

10           (5) The natural deterioration of democracies into autocracies  
11 over the last twenty-five (25) years, including in Afghanistan, the  
12 Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen.

13           (b) The curricula under this section shall also include information  
14 that reinforces the United States's successful model as a constitutional  
15 republic, including without limitation:

16                   (1) Adherence to constitutional limitation in the United States  
17 Government;

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

20                   (3) The general subservience of constitutional republics to the  
21 citizens, while other forms of government require subservience to a single  
22 government institution or a single government leader.

23           (c) The State Board of Education, in consultation with local,  
24 statewide, and national experts in communism and autocratic government  
25 education, shall develop and distribute grade-appropriate curricula,  
26 standards, materials, and units relating to the perils of communism and  
27 autocratic governments for grades seven through twelve (7-12) in all public  
28 schools.

29           (d) As used in this section, "communism and autocratic government"  
30 means a system of government in which absolute power over a state is  
31 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                   /s/R. Scott Richardson