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SYNOPSIS: This bill would require public K-12 schools to include in their curriculums a semester-long course in Black American history.

This bill would also require the State Board of Education to adopt rules for its implementation and enforcement.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to education; to require public K-12 schools to include in their curriculums a semester-long course in Black American history; and to require the State Board of Education to adopt rules for its implementation and enforcement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Beginning in the 2021 school year, every public elementary school, public middle school, and public high school shall require the completion, at a minimum,

1 of a semester-long course studying the events of Black  
2 American history, including the history of slavery in America  
3 and its vestiges. Topics of instruction shall include  
4 contributions made by individual African-Americans in American  
5 government and in the arts, humanities, and sciences, as well  
6 as the economic, cultural, and political development of the  
7 United States and Africa and the socioeconomic struggle that  
8 African-Americans have collectively experienced and continue  
9 to experience in striving to achieve fair and equal treatment  
10 in this nation.

11 (b) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
12 for the implementation and enforcement of this section.

13 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
14 first day of the third month following its passage and  
15 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.