

**Assembly Bill No. 399**

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Passed the Assembly    May 15, 2003

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate    June 19, 2003

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2003, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*



## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to amend Section 51221.3 of the Education Code, relating to school curriculum.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 399, Wyland. Education: instruction: World War II.

Existing law provides that instruction in the area of social sciences, as required pursuant to the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, shall contain instruction on World War II and the American role in that war.

This bill would instead authorize the instruction in the area of social sciences to contain instruction on World War II and the American role in that war.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 51221.3 of the Education Code is amended to read:

51221.3. (a) Instruction in the area of social sciences, as required pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51220, may include instruction on World War II and the American role in that war. The Legislature encourages that this instruction include, but not be limited to, a component drawn from personal testimony, especially in the form of oral or video history, if available, of American soldiers who were involved in World War II and those men and women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront. The oral histories used as part of the instruction regarding World War II shall exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate. The oral histories shall contain the views and comments of their subjects regarding the reasons for American participation in the war and the actions taken to end the war in the Pacific. These oral histories shall also solicit comments from their subjects regarding the aftermath of the war in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

(b) This section shall be carried out in a manner that does not result in any new duties or programs being imposed on the school district. In that regard, the Legislature finds and declares that this



section does not mandate costs to local agencies or school districts and materials used to comply with this section shall be part of normal curriculum materials purchased by school districts in their normal course of business and purchasing cycles.



Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

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*Governor*

