

Teaching of British History in Schools Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Inclusion of British history in the first, second and third key stages of the National Curriculum for England

- (1) The Education Act 2002 (c. 32) is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 84(3)(d) insert—
“*(da) British history,*”. 5
- (3) After section 84(5) insert—
“(5A) In this section “British history” means the history of the shaping of the socio-economic and geopolitical structure of British society and the British state, taught in such a manner as to give pupils a comprehensive narrative of key events which have occurred in, or have affected, the British Isles.” 10

2 Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Teaching of British History in Schools Act 2009.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which it is passed. 15

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