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Bill Analysis

SB 1174 prohibits a teacher of history, civics, U.S. government, social studies, or similar subject areas in courses to meet graduation requirements or advanced placement courses from being compelled to discuss current events or widely debated and currently controversial issues of public policy or social affairs. It states that if a teacher of such subjects chooses to discuss current events or controversial issues, he or she is to explore the issues from diverse and contending perspectives to the best of his or her ability. The measure also states that in any course in history, civics, U.S. government, social studies, or similar subject areas in courses to meet graduation requirements or advanced placement courses, a public school is prohibited from requiring or awarding grading or credit for affiliation with or service learning in association with an organization engaged in lobbying and requiring or awarding grading or credit for lobbying for legislation at the local, state, or federal level or similar activity. The bill states that neither the State Department of Education nor any public school may accept private funding for curriculum, materials, or professional development related to such courses.

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