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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING HUMANE EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2006*):

4 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum
5 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional
6 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to
7 this section. The State Board of Education, within available
8 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist
9 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)
10 Holocaust education and awareness; (2) the historical events
11 surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American
12 history; (4) Puerto Rican history; (5) Native American history; (6)
13 personal financial management; (7) principles of humane education,
14 which includes instruction in the humane treatment of animals, the
15 value of preserving a healthy and sustainable environment and the
16 importance of character traits, such as compassion, respect and
17 empathy; and [(7)] (8) topics approved by the state board upon the

18 request of local or regional boards of education as part of the program
19 of instruction offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes is
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
22 *October 1, 2006*):

23 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide an in-
24 service training program for its teachers, administrators and pupil
25 personnel who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or
26 professional educator certificate. Such program shall provide such
27 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel with information on (1)
28 the nature and the relationship of drugs, as defined in subdivision (17)
29 of section 21a-240, and alcohol to health and personality development,
30 and procedures for discouraging their abuse, (2) health and mental
31 health risk reduction education which includes, but need not be
32 limited to, the prevention of risk-taking behavior by children and the
33 relationship of such behavior to substance abuse, pregnancy, sexually
34 transmitted diseases, including HIV-infection and AIDS, as defined in
35 section 19a-581, violence, child abuse and youth suicide, (3) the growth
36 and development of exceptional children, including handicapped and
37 gifted and talented children and children who may require special
38 education, including, but not limited to, children with attention-deficit
39 hyperactivity disorder or learning disabilities, and methods for
40 identifying, planning for and working effectively with special needs
41 children in a regular classroom, (4) school violence prevention and
42 conflict resolution, (5) cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other
43 emergency life saving procedures, (6) computer and other information
44 technology as applied to student learning and classroom instruction,
45 communications and data management, (7) the teaching of the
46 language arts, reading and reading readiness for teachers in grades
47 kindergarten to three, inclusive, (8) humane education, as described in
48 subsection (d) of section 10-16b, as amended by this act, and [(8)] (9)
49 second language acquisition in districts required to provide a program
50 of bilingual education pursuant to section 10-17f, as amended. The

51 State Board of Education, within available appropriations and utilizing
52 available materials, shall assist and encourage local and regional
53 boards of education to include: (A) Holocaust education and
54 awareness; (B) the historical events surrounding the Great Famine in
55 Ireland; (C) African-American history; (D) Puerto Rican history; (E)
56 Native American history; (F) personal financial management; and (G)
57 topics approved by the state board upon the request of local or
58 regional boards of education as part of in-service training programs
59 pursuant to this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	10-16b(d)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	10-220a(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage the inclusion of humane education in the curriculum of public schools.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]