



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5443

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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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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. The
20 principles of humane education described in subdivision (7) of this

21 subsection may be developed in consultation with the Commissioner
22 of Agriculture, the Commissioner of Education and representatives of
23 the state farm industry, animal welfare organizations and humane
24 education organizations.

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26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

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

54 pursuant to section 10-17f, as amended. The State Board of Education,
55 within available appropriations and utilizing available materials, shall
56 assist and encourage local and regional boards of education to include:
57 (A) Holocaust education and awareness; (B) the historical events
58 surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (C) African-American
59 history; (D) Puerto Rican history; (E) Native American history; (F)
60 personal financial management; (G) principles of humane education,
61 as described in subsection (d) of section 10-16b, as amended by this act;
62 and [(G)] (H) topics approved by the state board upon the request of
63 local or regional boards of education as part of in-service training
64 programs 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)

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