



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5520***

LCO No. 289

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING DEMOCRACY EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-18 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2006*):

4 (a) (1) All high, preparatory, secondary and elementary schools,  
5 public or private, whose property is exempt from taxation, shall  
6 provide a program of United States history, including instruction in  
7 United States government at the local, state and national levels, and in  
8 the duties, responsibilities, and rights of United States citizenship. No  
9 student shall be graduated from any such school who has not been  
10 found to be familiar with said subjects.

11 (2) For purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection, elementary  
12 schools shall include in their fourth or fifth grade curriculum a  
13 program on democracy in which students engage in a participatory  
14 manner in learning about all branches of government.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	10-18(a)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require that every fourth or fifth grader take part in a program of participatory democracy.

*[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.]*