



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5520

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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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*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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ED *Joint Favorable*