



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1146**

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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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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, 2007*):

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 and policies  
7 pursuant to 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 including the importance of character traits such as compassion,  
15 kindness and empathy and the humane and respectful treatment of  
16 other people, animals and the environment, to be developed in  
17 consultation with, as needed, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the  
18 Commissioner of Education and representatives of the state farm  
19 industry, animal welfare organizations and humane education  
20 organizations; and [(7)] (8) topics approved by the state board upon

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

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes is  
25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
26 *October 1, 2007*):

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	10-16b(d)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	10-220a(a)

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*