



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5595

House of Representatives, April 15, 2008

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING GENOCIDE AWARENESS 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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2008*):

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; [and] (7) genocide education,
14 including the scope and consequences of genocide; and (8) topics
15 approved by the state board upon the request of local or regional

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	25,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the State Board of Education to include genocide education as part of the program of instruction offered in public schools, and must do so within available appropriations. It is estimated that adding genocide awareness to the current program of instruction would cost approximately \$25,000. The cost is attributable to the development, printing, and distribution of the curriculum. sHB 5021, the budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, contains \$25,000 for this purpose.

The Out Years

There is no annualized ongoing fiscal impact, as the cost is one-time in nature.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5595*****AN ACT CONCERNING GENOCIDE AWARENESS EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the State Board of Education to encourage and help school boards include genocide education, including the scope and consequences of genocide, as part of the program of instruction the law requires them to offer in the public schools. They are already required to include Holocaust education and awareness; the Great Famine in Ireland; African-American, Puerto Rican, and Native American history; personal financial management; and other topics the state board approves on request of a school board. As in those cases, the state board must do this within available appropriations using available resources.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/14/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 47 Nay 4 (03/28/2008)