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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING TEEN DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2009*):

4 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall
5 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally
6 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;
7 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and
8 development, nutrition, first aid, disease prevention, community and
9 consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including
10 youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, teen dating
11 violence, safety, which may include the dangers of gang membership,
12 and accident prevention; language arts, including reading, writing,
13 grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical education;
14 science; social studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship,
15 economics, geography, government and history; and in addition, on at
16 least the secondary level, one or more foreign languages and

17 vocational education. For purposes of this subsection, language arts
18 may include American sign language or signed English, provided such
19 subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision
20 of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State Board of
21 Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means any form
22 of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be limited to,
23 dance, music, art and theatre.

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes, as
25 amended by section 1 of public act 08-107 and section 6 of public act
26 08-160, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
27 (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

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, conflict
47 resolution and prevention of bullying, as defined in subsection (a) of
48 section 10-222d, except that those boards of education that implement
49 an evidence-based model approach, consistent with subsection (d) of

50 section 10-145a, subsection (a) of section 10-220a, sections 10-222d, 10-
51 222g and 10-222h, subsection (g) of section 10-233c and sections 1 and 3
52 of public act 08-160*, shall not be required to provide in-service
53 training on prevention of bullying, (5) cardiopulmonary resuscitation
54 and other emergency life saving procedures, (6) computer and other
55 information technology as applied to student learning and classroom
56 instruction, communications and data management, (7) the teaching of
57 the language arts, reading and reading readiness for teachers in grades
58 kindergarten to three, inclusive, and (8) second language acquisition in
59 districts required to provide a program of bilingual education
60 pursuant to section 10-17f. The State Board of Education, within
61 available appropriations and utilizing available materials, shall assist
62 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (A)
63 Holocaust education and awareness; (B) the historical events
64 surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (C) African-American
65 history; (D) Puerto Rican history; (E) Native American history; (F)
66 personal financial management; (G) teen dating violence education;
67 and [(G)] (H) topics approved by the state board upon the request of
68 local or regional boards of education as part of in-service training
69 programs pursuant to this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<u>July 1, 2009</u>	10-16b(a)
Sec. 2	<u>July 1, 2009</u>	10-220a(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To protect the safety of teens by educating them about the dangers of dating violence.

[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.]