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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF LABOR HISTORY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-16b of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

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, safety, which
11 may include the dangers of gang membership, and accident
12 prevention; language arts, including reading, writing, grammar,
13 speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical education; science; social
14 studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics,
15 geography, government and history, labor history and law, including
16 the history of organized labor, the collective bargaining process and

17 existing legal protections in the workplace; and in addition, on at least
18 the secondary level, one or more world languages and vocational
19 education. For purposes of this subsection, world languages shall
20 include American Sign Language, provided such subject matter is
21 taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision of a teacher who
22 holds a certificate issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes
23 of this subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or performing
24 arts, which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and
25 theatre.

26 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to
27 take a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil
28 identified as deaf or hearing impaired may request in writing that such
29 pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if such a request is
30 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

31 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,
32 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the
33 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of
34 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least
35 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that
36 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

37 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum
38 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional
39 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to
40 this section. The State Board of Education, within available
41 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist
42 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)
43 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical
44 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American
45 history; (4) Puerto Rican history; (5) Native American history; (6)
46 personal financial management; (7) labor history and law, including
47 the history of organized labor, the collective bargaining process and
48 existing legal protections in the workplace; and [(7)] (8) topics

49 approved by the state board upon the request of local or regional
50 boards of education as part of the program of instruction offered
51 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-16b

Statement of Purpose:

To include labor history in the prescribed courses of study in the public school curriculum.

[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.]