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***Raised Bill No. 220***

LCO No. 1206



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***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 Section 10-16b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

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

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

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

28 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,  
29 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the  
30 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of  
31 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least  
32 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that  
33 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

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

48 growth of the American and world economics; and [(8)] (9) 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, 2014</i>	10-16b

**Statement of Purpose:**

To include labor history, labor law and free market capitalism 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.]*