



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 220

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF THE HISTORY OF THE
LABOR MOVEMENT AND FREE MARKET CAPITALISM 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 Section 10-16b of the general statutes is repealed and the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
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Title was changed.

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