



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 282

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION AND THE SAFE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ON-LINE STUDY SKILLS 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 Section 10-16b of the general statutes is repealed and the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, teen dating violence awareness and
10 prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which may include the
11 dangers of gang membership, and accident prevention, and, for grades
12 six to eight, inclusive, the safe use of social media, as defined in section
13 9-601; language arts, including reading, writing, grammar, speaking
14 and spelling; mathematics; physical education; science; social studies,
15 including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography,
16 government and history; and in addition, on at least the secondary
17 level, one or more world languages and vocational education. For

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

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

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

35 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum
36 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional
37 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to
38 this section. The State Board of Education, within available
39 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist
40 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)
41 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical
42 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American
43 history; (4) Puerto Rican history; (5) Native American history; (6)
44 personal financial management; (7) training in cardiopulmonary
45 resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators; (8) on-
46 line coursework that provides remedial study skills instruction for
47 students; and ~~[(8)]~~ (9) topics approved by the state board upon the
48 request of local or regional boards of education as part of the program
49 of instruction offered 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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ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*