



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 963

Senate, March 30, 2015

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A LABOR AND FREE MARKET CAPITALISM CURRICULUM.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum
5 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional
6 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to
7 this section. The State Board of Education, within available
8 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist
9 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)
10 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical
11 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American
12 history; (4) Puerto Rican history; (5) Native American history; (6)
13 personal financial management; (7) training in cardiopulmonary
14 resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators; (8) labor

15 history and law, including organized labor, the collective bargaining
 16 process, existing legal protections in the workplace, the history and
 17 economics of free market capitalism and entrepreneurialism, and the
 18 role of labor and capitalism in the development of the American and
 19 world economies; and [(8)] (9) topics approved by the state board upon
 20 the request of local or regional boards of education as part of the
 21 program of instruction offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this
 22 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	10-16b(d)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (d)(8), "and" before "existing" was deleted for clarity.

ED *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires the State Board of Education (SBE), within available appropriations and using available resource materials, to assist and encourage local and regional boards of education to include in their curricula: (1) labor history and law, including organized labor, the collective bargaining process, and existing legal protections in the workplace; (2) the history and economics of free-market capitalism and entrepreneurialism; and (3) the role of labor and capitalism in developing the American and world economies, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact. As of February, 2015, SBE has modified the social studies curriculum to include such topics.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 963*****AN ACT CONCERNING A LABOR AND FREE MARKET CAPITALISM CURRICULUM.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the State Board of Education (SBE), within available appropriations and using available resource materials, to assist and encourage local and regional boards of education to include in their curricula (1) labor history and law, including organized labor, the collective bargaining process, and existing legal protections in the workplace; (2) the history and economics of free-market capitalism and entrepreneurialism; and (3) the role of labor and capitalism in developing the American and world economies.

By law, unchanged by the bill, SBE must similarly assist and encourage boards of education to include in their curricula topics such as the Holocaust, the Great Famine in Ireland, and African-American History.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

The Labor Committee favorably reported out a bill (SB 910) on March 12 that also adds labor history, but not free-market capitalism history, to the same statute.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 6 (03/11/2015)