

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 962**

LCO No. 5211

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) 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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*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 (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; in addition, on at least the middle
16 school or secondary levels, computer programming instruction, the
17 safe use of social media, as defined in section 9-601, instruction
18 regarding a person's rights and responsibilities during a custodial stop,
19 investigative detention and arrest, and training in cardiopulmonary

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

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