



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 377***

LCO No. 2546



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCHOOL HEALTH CURRICULUM AND  
CANCER AWARENESS.***

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 2016 supplement to  
2 the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 15-94, is  
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
4 *1, 2016*):

5 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall  
6 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally  
7 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;  
8 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and  
9 development, nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary  
10 resuscitation training in accordance with the provisions of section 10-  
11 16qq, disease prevention and cancer awareness, including, but not  
12 limited to, instruction in performing self-examinations for the  
13 purposes of screening for breast cancer or testicular cancer, community  
14 and consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including  
15 youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which

16 shall include the safe use of social media, as defined in section 9-601,  
17 and may include the dangers of gang membership, and accident  
18 prevention; language arts, including reading, writing, grammar,  
19 speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical education; science; social  
20 studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics,  
21 geography, government and history; computer programming  
22 instruction; and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or  
23 more world languages and vocational education. For purposes of this  
24 subsection, world languages shall include American Sign Language,  
25 provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under  
26 the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State  
27 Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means  
28 any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be  
29 limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10-16b(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To include instruction in the performance of self-examinations for breast cancer and testicular cancer in the school health 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.]*