

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 199**

LCO No. 2930

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 In each year the first day of January (known as New Year's Day), the
4 fifteenth day of January of each year prior to 1986, and commencing on
5 the twentieth day of January in 1986, the first Monday occurring on or
6 after January fifteenth (known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), the
7 twelfth day of February (known as Lincoln Day), the third Monday in
8 February (known as Washington's Birthday), the last Monday in May
9 (known as Memorial Day or Decoration Day), the fourth day of July
10 (known as Independence Day), the first Monday in September (known
11 as Labor Day), the second Monday in October (known as Columbus
12 Day), the eleventh day of November (known as Veterans' Day) and the
13 twenty-fifth day of December (known as Christmas) and any day
14 appointed or recommended by the Governor of this state or the
15 President of the United States as a day of thanksgiving, fasting or
16 religious observance, shall each be a legal holiday, except that
17 whenever any of such days which are not designated to occur on
18 Monday, occurs upon a Sunday, the Monday next following such day
19 shall be a legal holiday and whenever any of such days occurs upon a

20 Saturday, the Friday immediately preceding such day shall be a legal
21 holiday. When any such holiday, except holidays in January and
22 December, occurs on a school day, each local and regional board of
23 education may close the public schools under its jurisdiction for such
24 day or hold a session of the public schools on such day, provided, if a
25 session is held, the board shall require each school to hold a suitable
26 nonsectarian educational program in observance of such holiday,
27 except that any such session held on the eleventh day of November
28 shall be held in accordance with section 2 of this act. If [a] any such
29 holiday in January or December occurs on a school day, there shall be
30 no session of the public schools on such day.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any local or regional board of
32 education that does not close the public schools under its jurisdiction
33 on the eleventh day of November, in accordance with section 1-4 of the
34 general statutes, as amended by this act, shall require that the session
35 held on such date be dedicated to learning about the contributions of
36 veterans, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general
37 statutes. Such session may include, but not be limited to, presentations,
38 symposia or opportunities to collaborate with local veterans
39 organizations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-4
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section