AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF PUERTO RICAN AND LATINO STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education; health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and development, nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in accordance with the provisions of section 10-16qq, disease prevention and cancer awareness, including, but not limited to, age and developmentally appropriate instruction in performing self-examinations for the purposes of screening for breast cancer and testicular cancer, community and consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, including instruction relating
to opioid use and related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe
use of social media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the
dangers of gang membership, and accident prevention; language arts,
including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling;
mathematics; physical education; science, which may include the
climate change curriculum described in subsection (d) of this section;
social studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics,
geography, government, history, [and] Holocaust and genocide
education and awareness in accordance with the provisions of section
10-18f, and Puerto Rican and Latino studies; computer programming
instruction; and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or
more world languages and vocational education. For purposes of this
subsection, world languages shall include American Sign Language,
provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under
the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State
Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means
any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be
limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |
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| Section 1        | July 1, 2019     | 10-16b(a)        |

Statement of Purpose:
To include Puerto Rican and Latino studies in the social studies
component of the public school 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.]