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LCO No. 3491



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***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:

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*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, 2019*):

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, including cardiopulmonary
9 resuscitation training in accordance with the provisions of section 10-
10 16qq, disease prevention and cancer awareness, including, but not
11 limited to, age and developmentally appropriate instruction in
12 performing self-examinations for the purposes of screening for breast
13 cancer and testicular cancer, community and consumer health,
14 physical, mental and emotional health, including youth suicide
15 prevention, substance abuse prevention, including instruction relating

16 to opioid use and related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe
17 use of social media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the
18 dangers of gang membership, and accident prevention; language arts,
19 including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling;
20 mathematics; physical education; science, which may include the
21 climate change curriculum described in subsection (d) of this section;
22 social studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics,
23 geography, government, history, [and] Holocaust and genocide
24 education and awareness in accordance with the provisions of section
25 10-18f, and Puerto Rican and Latino studies; computer programming
26 instruction; and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or
27 more world languages and vocational education. For purposes of this
28 subsection, world languages shall include American Sign Language,
29 provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under
30 the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State
31 Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means
32 any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be
33 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, 2019</i>	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.]