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AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Reduces Cost In Bill

The amendment reduces the cost in the underlying bill by no longer requiring the State Board of Education (SBE) to develop and adopt a model curriculum for grades kindergarten through eight that includes African-American studies within and among various subject matter areas. This could have resulted in a cost of \$7,840,023 to \$8,240,023 in FY 20 and FY 21.

Additionally, the amendment no longer requires African-American studies to be a graduation requirement, but rather requires the creation of a Black and Latino studies course. The costs associated with developing this new course still remain, including: one-time costs of \$400,000 in curriculum development to develop the course of study, and one full-time staff member, with an annual salary of \$85,000 and corresponding fringe benefits of \$35,012, to assure districts properly meet the new requirement and serve as a member of the department's academic office, which does not have the resources necessary to complete the new requirements contained within the amendment.

The state mandate to local and regional and regional school districts and additional costs of up to \$25,000, beginning in FY 21, remain in the amendment.

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