AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A KINDERGARTEN TO EIGHT GRADE MODEL CURRICULUM.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2021) (a) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the State Education Resource Center, shall develop a model curriculum for grades kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, that may be used by local and regional boards of education.

(b) The content of the model curriculum shall (1) be rigorous, aligned with curriculum guidelines approved by the State Board of Education, and in accordance with the state-wide subject matter content standards, adopted by the state board pursuant to section 10-4 of the general statutes, (2) be in accordance with the program of instruction and subject matter requirements prescribed in section 10-16b of the general statutes, and (3) include and integrate throughout such model curriculum at least the following: (A) The subject matter prescribed in said section 10-16b, (B) Native American studies, (C) Asian Pacific American studies, (D) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other sexual orientations.
and gender identities studies, (E) climate change, (F) personal financial management and financial literacy, and (G) the military service and experience of American veterans.

(c) In developing the model curriculum, the Department of Education and State Education Resource Center (1) shall consult with persons and organizations with subject matter expertise in developing the model curriculum, and (2) may utilize existing and appropriate public or private materials, personnel and other resources, and accept gifts, grants and donations, including in-kind donations, designated for the development of the model curriculum under this section.

(d) The Department of Education shall make the model curriculum available to local and regional boards of education and on the department's Internet web site.

Sec. 2. (Effective July 1, 2021) Not later than January 15, 2023, the department, in consultation with the State Education Resource Center, shall submit a description of the model curriculum, which includes the scope and sequence and course objective, and a report on the development and review of such course to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Statement of Purpose:
To develop a model curriculum for grades kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, for use by local and regional boards of education.

[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.]