



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6619**

January Session, 2021



**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:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
2 2023, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the State  
3 Education Resource Center, shall develop a model curriculum for  
4 grades kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, that may be used by local  
5 and regional boards of education.

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

19 including digital citizenship and media literacy.

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

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2021	New section

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