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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF HOLOCAUST AND
GENOCIDE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS IN THE SOCIAL
STUDIES 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 2018 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

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, safety, which shall include the
 16 safe use of social media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include
 17 the dangers of gang membership, and accident prevention; language
 18 arts, including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling;
 19 mathematics; physical education; science; social studies, including, but
 20 not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government, [and]
 21 history and Holocaust and genocide education and awareness in
 22 accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act; computer
 23 programming instruction; and in addition, on at least the secondary
 24 level, one or more world languages and vocational education. For
 25 purposes of this subsection, world languages shall include American
 26 Sign Language, provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified
 27 instructor under the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate
 28 issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes of this
 29 subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or performing arts,
 30 which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) For the school year
 32 commencing July 1, 2018, and each school year thereafter, each local
 33 and regional board of education shall include Holocaust and genocide
 34 education and awareness as part of the social studies curriculum for
 35 the school district, pursuant to section 10-16b of the general statutes, as
 36 amended by this act. In developing and implementing the Holocaust
 37 and genocide education and awareness portion of the social studies
 38 curriculum, the board may utilize existing and appropriate public or
 39 private materials, personnel and other resources.

40 (b) A local or regional board of education may accept gifts, grants
 41 and donations, including in-kind donations, designated for the
 42 development and implementation of Holocaust and genocide
 43 education and awareness under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10-16b(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To include Holocaust and genocide education awareness in the social studies curriculum for public schools.

[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.]