



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5285**

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-16b of the 2022 supplement to the general  
2 statutes, as amended by section 397 of public act 21-2 of the June special  
3 session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
4 (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

5 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall  
6 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally  
7 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;  
8 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and  
9 development, nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary  
10 resuscitation training in accordance with the provisions of section 10-  
11 16qq, disease prevention and cancer awareness, including, but not  
12 limited to, age and developmentally appropriate instruction in  
13 performing self-examinations for the purposes of screening for breast  
14 cancer and testicular cancer, community and consumer health, physical,  
15 mental and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention,  
16 substance abuse prevention, including instruction relating to opioid use  
17 and related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe use of social  
18 media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang  
19 membership, and accident prevention; language arts, including reading,

20 writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical  
21 education; science, which [may] shall include the climate change  
22 curriculum described in subsection (d) of this section; social studies,  
23 including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography,  
24 government, history and Holocaust and genocide education and  
25 awareness in accordance with the provisions of section 10-18f; African-  
26 American and black studies in accordance with the provisions of section  
27 10-16ss; Puerto Rican and Latino studies in accordance with the  
28 provisions of section 10-16ss; computer programming instruction; and  
29 in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more world  
30 languages; vocational education; and the black and Latino studies  
31 course in accordance with the provisions of sections 10-16tt and 10-  
32 16uu. For purposes of this subsection, world languages shall include  
33 American Sign Language, provided such subject matter is taught by a  
34 qualified instructor under the supervision of a teacher who holds a  
35 certificate issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes of this  
36 subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or performing arts,  
37 which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and theatre;  
38 "reading" means evidenced-based instruction that focuses on  
39 competency in the following areas of reading: Oral language, phonemic  
40 awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, rapid automatic name or letter  
41 name fluency and reading comprehension.

42 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to take  
43 a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil  
44 identified as deaf or hard of hearing may request in writing that such  
45 pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if such a request is  
46 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

47 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,  
48 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the  
49 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of  
50 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least  
51 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that  
52 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

53 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum  
54 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional  
55 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to  
56 this section. The State Board of Education, within available  
57 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist  
58 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)  
59 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical  
60 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American  
61 and black studies; (4) Puerto Rican and Latino studies; (5) Native  
62 American history; (6) personal financial management, including, but not  
63 limited to, financial literacy as developed in the plan provided under  
64 section 10-16pp; (7) training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the  
65 use of automatic external defibrillators; (8) labor history and law,  
66 including organized labor, the collective bargaining process, existing  
67 legal protections in the workplace, the history and economics of free  
68 market capitalism and entrepreneurialism, and the role of labor and  
69 capitalism in the development of the American and world economies;  
70 (9) climate change consistent with the Next Generation Science  
71 Standards; (10) topics approved by the state board upon the request of  
72 local or regional boards of education as part of the program of  
73 instruction offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section; and (11)  
74 instruction relating to the Safe Haven Act, sections 17a-57 to 17a-61,  
75 inclusive. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
76 shall be available to each local and regional board of education for the  
77 development of curriculum on climate change as described in this  
78 subsection.

79 Sec. 2. Section 10-16b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes,  
80 as amended by section 376 of public act 21-2 of the June special session,  
81 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
82 *1, 2023*):

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105 10-16ss; Puerto Rican and Latino studies in accordance with the  
106 provisions of section 10-16ss; Native American studies, in accordance  
107 with the provisions of section 10-16vv; computer programming  
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109 world languages; vocational education; and the black and Latino studies  
110 course in accordance with the provisions of sections 10-16tt and 10-  
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118 a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil  
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121 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

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137 American studies; (6) personal financial management, including, but  
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139 section 10-16pp; (7) training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the  
140 use of automatic external defibrillators; (8) labor history and law,  
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150 inclusive. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
151 shall be available to each local and regional board of education for the  
152 development of curriculum on climate change as described in this

153 subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	10-16b
Sec. 2	July 1, 2023	10-16b

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Section 1 was deleted as it was redundant with Section 2.

**ED**      *Joint Favorable C/R*

APP

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