



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7075

LCO No. 4564



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF ISLAMIC AND ARAB STUDIES CURRICULUM MATERIAL FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-16b of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 32 of public act 22-80, section 3 of public act 23-21,
3 section 7 of public act 23-150 and section 19 of public act 23-160, is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
5 *2025*):

6 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum
7 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional
8 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to
9 this section. The State Board of Education, within available
10 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist
11 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)
12 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical
13 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American
14 and black studies; (4) Puerto Rican and Latino studies; (5) Native
15 American studies; (6) Asian American and Pacific Islander studies; (7)

16 personal financial management, including, but not limited to, financial
17 literacy as developed in the plan provided under section 10-16pp; (8)
18 training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic
19 external defibrillators; (9) labor history and law, including organized
20 labor, the collective bargaining process, existing legal protections in the
21 workplace, the history and economics of free market capitalism and
22 entrepreneurialism, and the role of labor and capitalism in the
23 development of the American and world economies; (10) climate change
24 consistent with the Next Generation Science Standards; (11) topics
25 approved by the state board upon the request of local or regional boards
26 of education as part of the program of instruction offered pursuant to
27 subsection (a) of this section; [and] (12) instruction relating to the Safe
28 Haven Act, sections 17a-57 to 17a-61, inclusive; and (13) Islamic and
29 Arab studies. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
30 shall be available to each local and regional board of education for the
31 development of curriculum on climate change as described in this
32 subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10-16b(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To require the State Board of Education to make available to school districts curriculum materials concerning Islamic and Arab Studies.

[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.]