

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 4720

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires Commissioner of Education to distribute survey to school districts regarding instruction on Holocaust and genocides.
- Type of Impact:** One-time State expenditure increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Education; New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

One-Time Fiscal Impact	
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that this bill will result in a one-time increase in State spending for the Department of Education, in conjunction with the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, to develop and distribute a survey regarding instruction on the Holocaust and genocides to the public schools of the State.
- The cost to the State to develop and distribute the survey is indeterminate and would be dependent on the manner in which the department and the commission determine to carry out the survey requirements and the extent to which existing staff and resources are sufficient to develop and distribute the survey.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill directs the Department of Education, in conjunction with the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, to develop and distribute a survey regarding instruction on the Holocaust and genocides to the public schools of the State. The focus of the survey is how each school district is meeting current instruction requirements on the Holocaust and genocide education. The survey is required to include questions, for all grade levels, on: curriculum content; learning goals; instructional strategies and activities; texts and resources; and assessments. The survey would also include questions, for teachers with experience providing instruction on the Holocaust and genocide, concerning the need for any additional resources or training to provide the instruction.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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The OLS notes that the statutory responsibilities and duties of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education include surveying and cataloging the extent and breadth of Holocaust and genocide education being taught in schools, taking inventory of various educational resources being incorporated into courses of study, and, upon request, assisting the department and other educational agencies in the development and implementation of Holocaust and genocide education programs. Given the commission's prior experience in administering Statewide surveys on Holocaust and genocide education, additional costs to the State, or additional staff time, required to implement the provisions of this bill may be minimized.

Section: Revenue, Finance, and Appropriations

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).