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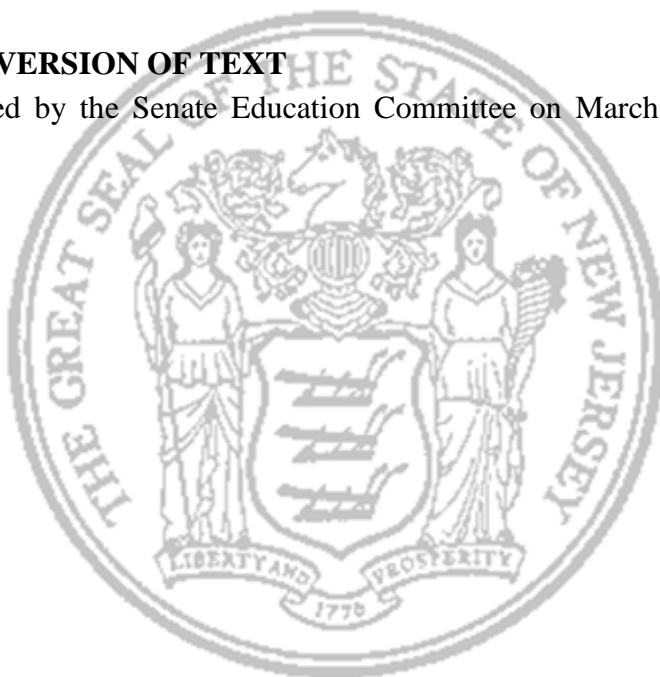
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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to include information on events of September 11, 2001 as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies; requires public schools to hold annual events commemorating September 11, 2001.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on March 7, 2022, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning public school instruction on the events of
2 September 11, 2001 and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A
3 of the New Jersey Statutes.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. ¹**Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, each** A¹
9 school district shall include age-appropriate instruction on the
10 events of September 11, 2001 in the curriculum of elementary
11 school, middle school, and high school as part of the district's
12 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
13 Social Studies.

14 b. The instruction shall provide students with information on:
15 (1) the historical context of the attack;
16 (2) a timeline of the day as the events unfolded;
17 (3) the heroic actions of the police, firefighters, paramedics, and
18 other first responders in the rescue and recovery of the victims, and
19 the heroic sacrifice of the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93;
20 (4) the outpouring of humanitarian, charitable, and volunteer
21 assistance and support that occurred immediately following the
22 events of that day, and strategies for successfully instilling those
23 traits in daily life;
24 (5) the global response to terrorism following the events of
25 September 11, 2001 and its effect on living in the post-9/11 world,
26 including the delicate balance between the need for safety and
27 security and respecting civil liberties; and
28 (6) strategies for teaching tolerance and accepting and
29 embracing people of different religions and cultures.

30 c. The Commissioner of Education shall provide school
31 districts with sample learning activities and resources designed to
32 promote awareness of the events of September 11, 2001.
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34 2. Each public school shall annually organize a ¹**school**
35 **assembly to commemorate** commemorative event that will enhance
36 student awareness of¹ the events of September 11, 2001. In addition
37 to providing students with information concerning the events of
38 September 11, 2001, the ¹**assembly** commemorative event¹ shall
39 provide students with age-appropriate opportunities for discussion
40 on conflict resolution, diversity, and tolerance for people of
41 different religions and cultures.
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43 3. This act shall take effect immediately ¹and shall first apply
44 in the first full school year following the date of enactment¹.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted March 7, 2022.