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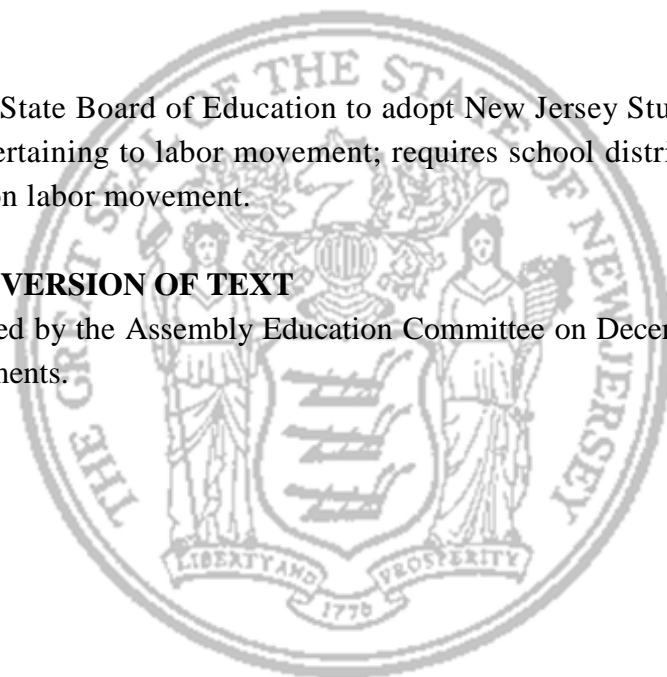
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SYNOPSIS

Requires State Board of Education to adopt New Jersey Student Learning Standards pertaining to labor movement; requires school districts to provide instruction on labor movement.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on December 12, 2024, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the public school curriculum and
2 supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. ¹The State Board of Education shall adopt New Jersey
9 Student Learning Standards in Social Studies pertaining to the
10 history of labor and labor movements in the United States and New
11 Jersey.

12 b.¹ A board of education shall include instruction on United
13 States and New Jersey labor history and the contributions of the
14 labor movement in an appropriate place in the curriculum of
15 students in grades six through 12 as part of the school district's
16 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
17 Social Studies. The instruction shall include, at a minimum,
18 information on:

- 19 (1) the history of organized labor;
20 (2) notable strikes throughout history;
21 (3) unionization drives; and
22 (4) the collective bargaining process and existing legal
23 protections in the workplace.

24 ¹**【b.** The Commissioner of Education shall provide school
25 districts with age-appropriate sample learning activities and
26 resources designed to implement the requirement established
27 pursuant to subsection a. of this section**】**

28 c. A board of education shall establish policies and procedures
29 pertaining to the selection of instructional materials to implement
30 the requirements of subsection b. of this section. When adopting
31 instructional materials for use in the schools of the district, a board
32 of education shall adopt inclusive materials that portray the
33 political, economic, and societal contributions of individuals
34 involved in the labor movement throughout the history of the
35 United States and New Jersey¹.

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately ¹**【and shall first apply**
38 **to the first full school year following the date of enactment】** . The
39 standards adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to
40 subsection a. of section 1 of this act shall occur concurrent with
41 each update to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards required
42 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-46)¹.

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:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted December 12, 2024.