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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to provide instruction on labor movement as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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

- 15 (1) the history of organized labor;
16 (2) notable strikes throughout history;
17 (3) unionization drives; and
18 (4) the collective bargaining process and existing legal
19 protections in the workplace.

20 b. The Commissioner of Education shall provide school districts
21 with age-appropriate sample learning activities and resources
22 designed to implement the requirement established pursuant to
23 subsection a. of this section.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
26 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill would require boards of education to include instruction
32 on United States and New Jersey labor history and the contributions
33 of the labor movement. The instruction would be provided in an
34 appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades six through
35 12 as part of the school district's implementation of the New Jersey
36 Student Learning Standards in Social Studies.

37 Under the bill, the instruction would include, at a minimum,
38 information on:

- 39 • the history of organized labor;
40 • notable strikes throughout history;
41 • unionization drives; and
42 • the collective bargaining process and existing legal
43 protections in the workplace.

44 The bill requires the Commissioner of Education to provide
45 school districts with age-appropriate sample learning activities and
46 resources designed to implement the instructional requirement.