

# SENATE, No. 1054

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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**

As reported by the Senate Education Committee with technical review.



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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.