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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to provide instruction on history and contributions of Latino and Hispanic Americans as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning instruction on Latino and Hispanic Americans
2 in public schools and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of
3 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. A board of education shall include instruction on the
9 history and contributions of Latino and Hispanic Americans in an
10 appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades
11 kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's
12 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
13 Social Studies and English Language Arts.

14 b. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
15 Commission on Latino and Hispanic Heritage established pursuant
16 to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.321 (C.18A:4-48), shall provide school
17 districts with sample learning activities and resources that may be
18 used to support implementation of the instructional requirement.

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

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24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires a board of education to include instruction on
27 the history and contributions of Latino and Hispanic Americans in
28 an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades
29 kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's
30 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
31 Social Studies and English Language Arts. The bill also requires
32 the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
33 Commission on Latino and Hispanic Heritage, to provide school
34 districts with sample learning activities and resources that may be
35 used to support implementation of the instructional requirement.

36 Current law requires the Commission on Latino and Hispanic
37 Heritage, in consultation with the Department of Education, to
38 develop curriculum guidelines for the teaching of subjects and
39 topics concerning and relating to the culture, history, and heritage
40 of people of Latino and Hispanic descent. School boards are to
41 incorporate these guidelines into the curriculum to the extent
42 possible. This bill specifically requires instruction on the history
43 and contributions of Latino and Hispanic Americans in the
44 curriculum as part of the implementation of the learning standards.