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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to include information on September 11th attacks in social studies curriculum; requires public schools to hold annual events commemorating September 11th attacks.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning instruction on the events of September 11,
2 2001, in 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 school district shall include age-appropriate
9 instruction on the events of September 11, 2001, in the curriculum
10 of elementary school, middle school, and high school as part of the
11 district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning
12 Standards in Social Studies.

13 b. The instruction shall provide students with information on:

14 (1) the historical context of the attacks;

15 (2) a timeline of the day as the events unfolded;

16 (3) the heroic actions of the police, firefighters, paramedics, and
17 other first responders in the rescue and recovery of the victims, and
18 the heroic sacrifice of the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93;

19 (4) the outpouring of humanitarian, charitable, and volunteer
20 assistance and support that occurred immediately following the
21 events of that day, and strategies for successfully instilling those
22 traits in daily life;

23 (5) the global response to terrorism following the events of
24 September 11, 2001, and its effect on living in the post-9/11 world,
25 including the delicate balance between the need for safety and
26 security and respecting civil liberties; and

27 (6) strategies for teaching tolerance and accepting and
28 embracing people of different religions and cultures.

29 c. The Commissioner of Education shall provide school
30 districts with sample learning activities and resources designed to
31 promote awareness of the events of September 11, 2001.

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33 2. The week of September 11th of each year is designated as
34 "September 11th Remembrance Week" in the State of New Jersey.
35 During "September 11th Remembrance Week" of each year, a
36 public school shall organize commemorative events, including, but
37 not limited to, charitable activities, that will enhance student
38 awareness of the events of September 11, 2001. In addition to
39 providing students with information concerning the events of
40 September 11, 2001, the commemorative events shall provide
41 students with age-appropriate opportunities for discussion on
42 conflict resolution, diversity, and tolerance for people of different
43 religions and culture.

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45 3. September 11th of each year shall be observed as a day of
46 remembrance in the public schools of the State to honor the heroes
47 and victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001, and to encourage

1 thoughtful discussions on tolerance and recognition of the religious
2 and cultural diversity of New Jersey residents.

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4 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply in
5 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill requires school districts to include age-appropriate
11 instruction on the events of September 11, 2001, in the curriculum
12 of elementary, middle, and high school students as part of the
13 district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning
14 Standards in Social Studies. Under the bill, the instruction will
15 provide students with information on: the historical context of the
16 attacks; a timeline of the day as the events unfolded; the heroic
17 actions of the police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first
18 responders in the rescue and recovery of the victims, and the heroic
19 sacrifice of the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93; and the
20 outpouring of humanitarian, charitable, and volunteer assistance and
21 support that occurred immediately following the events of that day,
22 and strategies for successfully instilling those traits in daily life.

23 The bill also requires each public school to annually organize
24 commemorative events that will enhance student awareness of the
25 events of September 11, 2001. The bill provides that the events will
26 take place throughout the week of September 11th each year, with
27 this week being designated as "September 11th Remembrance
28 Week." In addition to providing students with information
29 concerning the events of September 11, 2001, the commemorative
30 events will provide students with age-appropriate opportunities for
31 discussion on conflict resolution, diversity, and tolerance for people
32 of different religions and cultures. Finally, the bill establishes
33 September 11th as a day of remembrance for public school students.