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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-16b of the 2020 supplement to the general  
2 statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 19-12, is repealed and the  
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

4 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall  
5 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally  
6 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;  
7 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and  
8 development, nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary  
9 resuscitation training in accordance with the provisions of section 10-  
10 16qq, disease prevention and cancer awareness, including, but not  
11 limited to, age and developmentally appropriate instruction in  
12 performing self-examinations for the purposes of screening for breast  
13 cancer and testicular cancer, community and consumer health, physical,  
14 mental and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention,

15 substance abuse prevention, including instruction relating to opioid use  
16 and related disorders, safety, which shall include the safe use of social  
17 media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang  
18 membership, and accident prevention; language arts, including reading,  
19 writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical  
20 education; science, which may include the climate change curriculum  
21 described in subsection (d) of this section; social studies, including, but  
22 not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government, history  
23 and Holocaust and genocide education and awareness in accordance  
24 with the provisions of section 10-18f; African-American and black  
25 studies in accordance with the provisions of section 10-16ss; Puerto  
26 Rican and Latino studies in accordance with the provisions of section  
27 10-16ss; computer science, including, but not limited to, computer  
28 programming instruction; and in addition, on at least the secondary  
29 level, one or more world languages; vocational education; and the black  
30 and Latino studies course in accordance with the provisions of sections  
31 10-16tt and 10-16uu. For purposes of this subsection, world languages  
32 shall include American Sign Language, provided such subject matter is  
33 taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision of a teacher who  
34 holds a certificate issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes  
35 of this subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or performing  
36 arts, which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and  
37 theatre.

38 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to take  
39 a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil  
40 identified as deaf or hard of hearing may request in writing that such  
41 pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if such a request is  
42 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

43 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,  
44 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the  
45 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of  
46 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least  
47 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that  
48 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

49 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum  
50 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional  
51 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to  
52 this section. The State Board of Education, within available  
53 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist  
54 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)  
55 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the historical  
56 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-American  
57 and black studies; (4) Puerto Rican and Latino studies; (5) Native  
58 American history; (6) personal financial management, including, but not  
59 limited to, financial literacy as developed in the plan provided under  
60 section 10-16pp; (7) training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the  
61 use of automatic external defibrillators; (8) labor history and law,  
62 including organized labor, the collective bargaining process, existing  
63 legal protections in the workplace, the history and economics of free  
64 market capitalism and entrepreneurialism, and the role of labor and  
65 capitalism in the development of the American and world economies;  
66 (9) climate change consistent with the Next Generation Science  
67 Standards; (10) topics approved by the state board upon the request of  
68 local or regional boards of education as part of the program of  
69 instruction offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section; and (11)  
70 instruction relating to the Safe Haven Act, sections 17a-57 to 17a-61,  
71 inclusive. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
72 shall be available to each local and regional board of education for the  
73 development of curriculum on climate change as described in this  
74 subsection.

75 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-155d of the 2020 supplement to the  
76 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
77 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

78 (a) The Office of Higher Education shall encourage and support  
79 experimentation and research in the preparation of teachers for public  
80 elementary and secondary schools. To help fulfill the purposes of this  
81 section, the Office of Higher Education shall appoint an advisory  
82 council composed of qualified professionals which shall render

83 assistance and advice to the office. In carrying out its activities pursuant  
84 to this section, the office shall consult with the State Board of Education  
85 and such other agencies as it deems appropriate to [assure] ensure  
86 coordination of all activities of the state relating to the preparation of  
87 teachers for public elementary and secondary schools.

88 Sec. 3. Subparagraph (H) of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section  
89 10-264~~l~~ of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and  
90 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

91 (H) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year  
92 thereafter, the half-day Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts  
93 interdistrict magnet school operated by the [Capital] Capitol Region  
94 Education Council shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant equal to  
95 sixty-five per cent of the per pupil grant specified in subparagraph (A)  
96 of this subdivision.

97 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 19a-79 of the 2020 supplement to the  
98 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
99 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

100 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations, in  
101 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes  
102 of sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive,  
103 and to assure that child care centers and group child care homes meet  
104 the health, educational and social needs of children utilizing such child  
105 care centers and group child care homes. Such regulations shall (1)  
106 specify that before being permitted to attend any child care center or  
107 group child care home, each child shall be protected as age-appropriate  
108 by adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus,  
109 poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus influenzae type B  
110 and any other vaccine required by the schedule of active immunization  
111 adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f, including appropriate exemptions  
112 for children for whom such immunization is medically contraindicated  
113 and for children whose parent or guardian objects to such immunization  
114 on religious grounds, and that any objection by a parent or a guardian

115 to immunization of a child on religious grounds shall be accompanied  
116 by a statement from such parent or guardian that such immunization  
117 would be contrary to the religious beliefs of such child or the parent or  
118 guardian of such child, which statement shall be acknowledged, in  
119 accordance with the provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34 and 1-35, by (A) a  
120 judge of a court of record or a family support magistrate, (B) a clerk or  
121 deputy clerk of a court having a seal, (C) a town clerk, (D) a notary  
122 public, (E) a justice of the peace, or (F) an attorney admitted to the bar  
123 of this state, (2) specify conditions under which child care center  
124 directors and teachers and group child care home providers may  
125 administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed  
126 diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including  
127 controlled drugs specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a  
128 child receiving child care services at such child care center or group  
129 child care home pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed to  
130 practice medicine or a dentist licensed to practice dental medicine in this  
131 or another state, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to  
132 prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a, or a physician assistant  
133 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written  
134 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child, (3) specify that an  
135 operator of a child care center or group child care home, licensed before  
136 January 1, 1986, or an operator who receives a license after January 1,  
137 1986, for a facility licensed prior to January 1, 1986, shall provide a  
138 minimum of thirty square feet per child of total indoor usable space, free  
139 of furniture except that needed for the children's purposes, exclusive of  
140 toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms, kitchens, halls, isolation room or  
141 other rooms used for purposes other than the activities of the children,  
142 (4) specify that a child care center or group child care home licensed  
143 after January 1, 1986, shall provide thirty-five square feet per child of  
144 total indoor usable space, (5) establish appropriate child care center  
145 staffing requirements for employees certified in cardiopulmonary  
146 resuscitation by the American Red Cross, the American Heart  
147 Association, the National Safety Council, American Safety and Health  
148 Institute, Medic First Aid International, Inc. or an organization using  
149 guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency

150 cardiovascular care published by the American Heart Association and  
151 International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation, (6) specify that on  
152 and after January 1, 2003, a child care center or group child care home  
153 (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis of a child's known or  
154 suspected allergy or because a child has a prescription for an automatic  
155 prefilled cartridge injector or similar automatic injectable equipment  
156 used to treat an allergic reaction, or for injectable equipment used to  
157 administer glucagon, (B) shall, not later than three weeks after such  
158 child's enrollment in such a center or home, have staff trained in the use  
159 of such equipment on-site during all hours when such a child is on-site,  
160 (C) shall require such child's parent or guardian to provide the injector  
161 or injectable equipment and a copy of the prescription for such  
162 medication and injector or injectable equipment upon enrollment of  
163 such child, and (D) shall require a parent or guardian enrolling such a  
164 child to replace such medication and equipment prior to its expiration  
165 date, (7) specify that on and after January 1, 2005, a child care center or  
166 group child care home (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis  
167 of a child's diagnosis of asthma or because a child has a prescription for  
168 an inhalant medication to treat asthma, and (B) shall, not later than three  
169 weeks after such child's enrollment in such a center or home, have staff  
170 trained in the administration of such medication on-site during all hours  
171 when such a child is on-site, and (8) establish physical plant  
172 requirements for licensed child care centers and licensed group child  
173 care homes that exclusively serve school-age children. When  
174 establishing such requirements, the Office of Early Childhood shall give  
175 consideration to child care centers and group child care homes that are  
176 located in private or public school buildings. With respect to this  
177 subdivision only, the commissioner shall implement policies and  
178 procedures necessary to implement the physical plant requirements  
179 established pursuant to this subdivision while in the process of adopting  
180 such policies and procedures in regulation form. Until replaced by  
181 policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this subdivision, any  
182 physical plant requirement specified in the office's regulations that is  
183 generally applicable to child care centers and group child care homes  
184 shall continue to be applicable to such centers and homes that

185 exclusively serve school-age children. The commissioner shall [print]  
186 post notice of the intent to adopt regulations pursuant to this  
187 subdivision on the eRegulations System not later than twenty days after  
188 the date of implementation of such policies and procedures. Policies and  
189 procedures implemented pursuant to this subdivision shall be valid  
190 until the time final regulations are adopted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	10-16b
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-155d(a)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-264l(c)(3)(H)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	19a-79(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make technical revisions to the education and early childhood statutes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*