

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1464**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires in public schools instruction on the contributions of United States veterans and the observance of patriotic exercises on certain holidays.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning patriotic instruction and exercises in the public  
2 schools and supplementing chapters 35 and 36 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 board of education shall include instruction on the  
9 contributions and sacrifices made by United States veterans in an  
10 appropriate place in the curriculum of elementary school, middle  
11 school, and high school pupils as part of the Core Curriculum  
12 Content Standards for Social Studies. The Social Studies  
13 curriculum framework developed by the Department of Education  
14 shall include sample learning activities and resources to enable  
15 pupils to learn about the many contributions and sacrifices of  
16 United States veterans.

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18 2. Appropriate exercises for the development of a higher spirit  
19 of patriotism shall be held in all public schools on the last school  
20 day preceding Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The exercises  
21 shall include instruction on the origins and historical significance of  
22 those holidays and the role of veterans in protecting and defending  
23 the United States, its people, its freedoms, and its form of  
24 government.

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26 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
27 the 2007-2008 school year.

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30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill provides that a board of education shall include  
33 instruction on the contributions and sacrifices of United States  
34 veterans in an appropriate place in the curriculum of elementary  
35 school, middle school, and high school pupils as part of the Core  
36 Curriculum Content Standards for Social Studies. The bill directs  
37 that the Social Studies framework developed by the Department of  
38 Education must include sample learning activities and resources to  
39 enable pupils to learn about the many contributions and sacrifices of  
40 United States veterans, who have served their country with  
41 unsurpassable dedication, honor, and valor. This bill also requires  
42 that all public schools hold appropriate exercises for the  
43 development of a higher spirit of patriotism on the last school day  
44 preceding Memorial Day and Veterans Day, including instruction  
45 on the origins and historical significance of those holidays and the  
46 role of veterans in protecting and defending the United States, its  
47 people, its freedoms, and its form of government.

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1       The children of this State must understand that the democratic  
2 freedoms which they enjoy have not come to them without  
3 sacrifice. A thorough and continuing discussion between educators  
4 and students on the contributions and sacrifices of veterans is  
5 necessary to provide an adequate instruction of United States  
6 history and to foster the development of civic character in New  
7 Jersey's students.