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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to include information on events of September 11, 2001 as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies; requires public schools to hold annual assembly commemorating September 11, 2001.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning public school instruction on the events of
2 September 11, 2001 and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A
3 of 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. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each school
9 district shall include age-appropriate instruction on the events of
10 September 11, 2001 in the curriculum of elementary school, middle
11 school, and high school as part of the district's implementation of
12 the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies.

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

14 (1) the historical context of the attack;

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 embracing
28 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. Each public school shall annually organize a school
34 assembly to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001. In
35 addition to providing students with information concerning the
36 events of September 11, 2001, the assembly shall provide students
37 with age-appropriate opportunities for discussion on conflict
38 resolution, diversity, and tolerance for people of different religions
39 and cultures.

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41 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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44 **STATEMENT**

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46 This bill requires school districts to include age-appropriate
47 instruction on the events of September 11, 2001 in the curriculum
48 of elementary, middle, and high school students as part of the

1 district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning
2 Standards in Social Studies. Under the bill, the instruction will
3 provide students with information on:

- 4 • the historical context of the attack;
- 5 • a timeline of the day as the events unfolded;
- 6 • the heroic actions of the police, firefighters, paramedics, and
7 other first responders in the rescue and recovery of the
8 victims, and the heroic sacrifice of the passengers of United
9 Airlines Flight 93; and
- 10 • the outpouring of humanitarian, charitable, and volunteer
11 assistance and support that occurred immediately following
12 the events of that day, and strategies for successfully
13 instilling those traits in daily life.

14 The bill also requires each public school to hold an annual school
15 assembly to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001. In
16 addition to providing students with information concerning the
17 events of September 11, 2001, the assembly will provide students
18 with age-appropriate opportunities for discussion on conflict
19 resolution, diversity, and tolerance for people of different religions
20 and cultures.