SYNOPSIS
Requires school districts to provide instruction on history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on December 9, 2021, with amendments.
AN ACT concerning instruction on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in public schools and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. a. A board of education shall include instruction on the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district’s implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies.

b. A board of education shall have policies and procedures in place pertaining to the selection of instructional materials to implement the requirements of section a. of this section. When adopting instructional materials for use in the school district, a board of education shall adopt inclusive instructional materials that portray the cultural and economic diversity of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

c. A board of education shall seek the assistance and advice of the Commission on Asian Heritage established pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 3369 or Senate Bill No. 3764 of 2020) in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to the 2022-2023 first full school year following the date of enactment.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
1Assembly AED committee amendments adopted December 9, 2021.