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SYNOPSIS

Requires New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education to conduct
Statewide survey to assess Holocaust and genocide education in schools.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust
2 Education and amending P.L.1991, c.193.

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

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7 1. Section 3 of P.L.1991, c.193 (C.18A:4A-3) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 3. The commission shall have the following responsibilities
10 and duties:

11 a. To provide, based upon the collective knowledge and
12 experience of its members, assistance and advice to the public and
13 private schools with respect to the implementation of Holocaust
14 education and awareness programs;

15 b. To meet with county and local school officials and other
16 interested public and private organizations, including service
17 organizations, for the purpose of assisting with the planning,
18 coordination or modification of courses of study dealing with the
19 subject of the Holocaust;

20 c. To survey and catalog the extent and breadth of Holocaust
21 and genocide education presently being incorporated into the
22 curricula and taught in the school systems of the State, to inventory
23 those Holocaust memorials, exhibits and resources which could be
24 incorporated in courses of study at various locations throughout the
25 State, and, upon request, to assist the State Department of
26 Education and other educational agencies in the development and
27 implementation of Holocaust and genocide education programs. In
28 furtherance of this responsibility, the commission shall be
29 authorized to contact and cooperate with existing Holocaust and
30 genocide public or private nonprofit resource organizations and may
31 act as a liaison concerning Holocaust and genocide education to
32 members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives
33 and the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly.

34 One year after the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
35 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and every five years
36 thereafter, the commission, in consultation with the Department of
37 Education, shall conduct a Statewide survey designed to:

38 (1) determine if all schools in the State are providing
39 appropriate and comprehensive Holocaust and genocide education;
40 and

41 (2) examine the curriculum implemented by schools to
42 determine if additional resources are required to improve Holocaust
43 and genocide education;

44 d. To compile a roster of individual volunteers who are willing
45 to share their knowledge and experience in classrooms, seminars

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.

1 and workshops on the subject of the Holocaust. These volunteers
2 may be survivors of the Holocaust, liberators of concentration
3 camps, scholars, clergymen, community relations professionals and
4 other persons who, by virtue of their experience or interest, have
5 acquired personal or academic knowledge of the Holocaust and who
6 are willing to share that knowledge with students and teachers;

7 e. To coordinate events memorializing the Holocaust and to
8 seek volunteers who are willing and able to participate in
9 commemorative events that will enhance student awareness of the
10 significance of the Holocaust;

11 f. To prepare reports for the Governor and the Legislature
12 regarding its findings and recommendations to facilitate the
13 inclusion of Holocaust studies and special programs memorializing
14 the Holocaust in educational systems in the State; and

15 g. To advise and assist the State Capitol Joint Management
16 Commission, established pursuant to P.L.1992, c.67 (C.52:31-34 et
17 seq.), for the purpose of increasing public awareness of the annual
18 observance of Kristallnacht Memorial Night in New Jersey.

19 (cf: P.L.1995, c.258, s.3)

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 STATEMENT

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26 Under current law, the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust
27 Education is required to survey and catalog the extent and breadth
28 of Holocaust and genocide education presently being incorporated
29 into the curricula and taught in the school systems of the State.
30 This bill amends the law to specify that, one year after the bill's
31 effective date and every five years thereafter, the commission, in
32 consultation with the Department of Education, will conduct a
33 Statewide survey designed to:

34 (1) determine if all schools in New Jersey are providing
35 appropriate and comprehensive Holocaust and genocide education;
36 and

37 (2) examine the curriculum implemented by schools to
38 determine if additional resources are required to improve Holocaust
39 and genocide education.