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C.52:16A-88.1
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§3 - Note

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 209, *approved August 31, 2021*
Senate, No. 3654 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing the Amistad ¹**Curriculum** Commission
2 Exemplary¹ Award Program, supplementing ¹**chapter 35 of**¹
3 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, and making an
4 appropriation.

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

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9 1. a. The ¹**Commissioner of Education** Amistad
10 Commission¹ shall establish the “Amistad ¹**Curriculum**
11 Commission Exemplary¹ Award Program.” The purpose of the
12 program is to identify outstanding educators, ¹and the school
13 district in which the educator is employed.¹ for special recognition
14 who have shown a commitment to furthering student knowledge on
15 the African slave trade, slavery in America, the vestiges of slavery
16 in this country, and the contributions of African-Americans to our
17 society.

18 b. The ¹**commissioner** commission¹ shall invite school
19 districts, charter schools, and renaissance school projects to submit
20 nominations, on an application to be developed by the
21 ¹**commissioner** commission¹, by February 1 of each year of an
22 exemplary teacher who deserves recognition for efforts to:

23 (1) ensure that all New Jersey students acquire a broad and deep
24 knowledge of all people who contributed to the founding and
25 development of New Jersey and the United States;

26 (2) promote the self-esteem, confidence, and identity of students
27 who previously may not have learned about past and living
28 examples of people of their own cultural identity who have had
29 positive impacts upon the American story; and

30 (3) provide exemplary lessons, units of study, or courses of
31 study that demonstrate effective instruction of students in alignment
32 with the Amistad curriculum and which lessons, units, or courses of
33 study may be replicated by other educators.

34 c. Recipients of the Amistad ¹**Curriculum** Commission
35 Exemplary¹ Award shall be named annually by the Amistad
36 ¹**Curriculum** Commission Exemplary¹ Award Committee. The

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:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted May 13, 2021.

1 committee shall be an ad hoc committee, the members of which¹,
2 except for the executive director of the Amistad Commission,¹ shall
3 be appointed annually. The committee shall be comprised of the
4 following members:

5 (1) one member appointed by the Governor;

6 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the
7 Senate;

8 (3) one member of the General Assembly appointed by the
9 Speaker of the General Assembly;

10 (4) one member appointed by the New Jersey Education
11 Association; ¹**and**¹

12 (5) one member appointed by the New Jersey Principals and
13 Supervisors Association ¹; and

14 (6) the executive director of the Amistad Commission, or a
15 designee, who shall serve as the chair of the Amistad Commission
16 Exemplary Award Committee¹.

17 d. The award committee shall annually select two teachers to
18 receive the Amistad ¹**Curriculum** Commission Exemplary¹
19 Award: one teacher from a school that provides instruction in any of
20 the grades kindergarten through eight; and one teacher from a
21 school that provides instruction in any of the grades nine through
22 12. Recipients of this award shall each receive \$2,500 in
23 recognition of their extraordinary contributions.

24 ¹e. Each school district in which the award recipient selected
25 pursuant to the provisions of subsection d. of this section is
26 employed shall also receive the Amistad Commission Exemplary
27 Award. Each school district that receives an award under the
28 provisions of this subsection shall receive \$2,500, which shall be
29 used to assist other teachers in the school district implement the
30 curriculum and teaching techniques of the teacher award recipient.¹

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32 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of
33 ¹**[\$5,000]** \$10,000¹ to the ¹**Department of Education** Amistad
34 Commission¹ to implement the provisions of this act.

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36 3. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
37 following the date of enactment.

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42 Establishes Amistad Commission Exemplary Award Program;
43 appropriates \$10,000.