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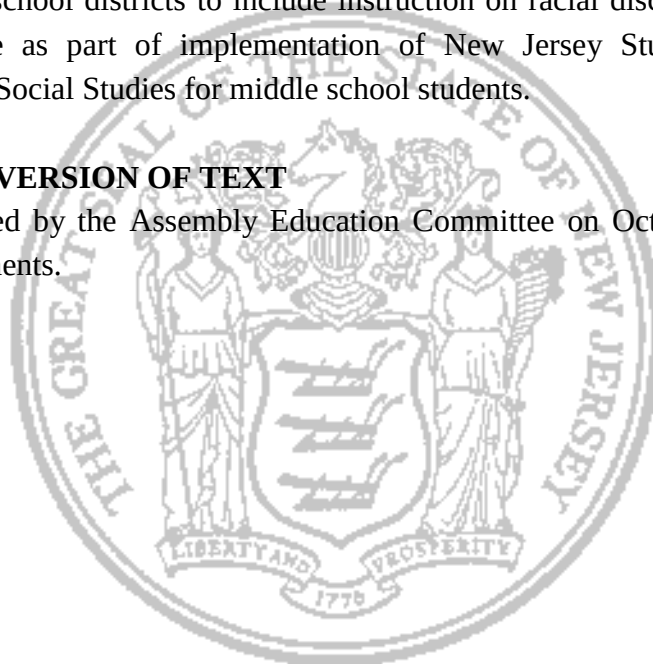
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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to include instruction on racial discrimination and social justice as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies for middle school students.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on October 22, 2020, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/29/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning public school instruction on ¹["certain events in
2 United States history"] racial discrimination and social justice¹ and
3 supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
4 Statutes.

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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. A board of education shall include instruction on ¹["certain
10 events in United States history, which involve"]¹ racial
11 discrimination and social justice¹["¹"] in an appropriate place in the
12 curriculum of middle school students as part of the school district's
13 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
14 Social Studies. ¹["The instruction shall include information on the
15 following events:

16 (1) the death of Emmett Till in 1955, the circumstances
17 surrounding his death, and the events following his death, including
18 the role his death played as an important catalyst for the Civil
19 Rights Movement;

20 (2) the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and the 1960s;

21 (3) civil unrest stemming from racial discrimination that
22 occurred during the 1990s including, but not limited to, the death of
23 Rodney King and the ensuing riots that occurred in Los Angeles,
24 California; and

25 (4) the death of George Floyd in 2020, the circumstances
26 surrounding his death, and the events following his death, including
27 the international protests against excessive police force that were
28 triggered as a result of his death.]¹

29 b. The Commissioner of Education¹, in consultation with the
30 Amistad Commission,¹ shall provide school districts with age-
31 appropriate sample learning activities and resources designed to
32 enhance students' overall understanding of ¹["the events enumerated
33 in subsection a. of this section"] issues surrounding racial
34 discrimination and social justice¹.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
37 the 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 October 22, 2020.