

SENATE, No. 4021

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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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 introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning instruction on Asian Americans and Pacific
2 Islanders in public schools and supplementing chapter 35 of Title
3 18A 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. A board of education shall include instruction on the
9 history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
10 in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades
11 kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's
12 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
13 Social Studies.

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

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
23 the 2022-2023 school year.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill requires a board of education to include instruction on
29 the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific
30 Islanders in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in
31 grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the district's
32 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
33 Social Studies. The bill would also require a board of education to
34 have policies and procedures in place pertaining to the selection of
35 instructional materials that comply with the provisions of this bill.
36 In adopting materials for use in the school district, a board of
37 education would be required to adopt inclusive instructional
38 materials that portray the cultural and economic diversity of Asian
39 Americans and Pacific Islanders.