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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 reported by the Assembly Education Committee on December 9, 2021, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)

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.

21 <sup>1</sup>c. A board of education shall seek the assistance and advice of  
22 the Commission on Asian Heritage established pursuant to section 2  
23 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
24 Assembly Bill No. 3369 or Senate Bill No. 3764 of 2020) in  
25 fulfilling the requirements of this section.<sup>1</sup>

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
28 the <sup>1</sup>**【2022-2023】** first full<sup>1</sup> school year following the date of  
29 enactment<sup>1</sup>.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AED committee amendments adopted December 9, 2021.