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Nieto-Munoz, Sophie. "Law to protect LGBTQ nursing home residents' rights." Star-Ledger, The(Newark, NJ), March 5, 2021: 003.

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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 32, *approved March 1, 2021*
Assembly, No. 4454 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning diversity and inclusion instruction in school
2 districts and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New
3 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. Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, each school district
9 shall incorporate instruction on diversity and inclusion ¹**["into] in an**
10 **appropriate place in**¹ the curriculum ¹**["for] of**¹ students in grades ²**["9]**
11 **kindergarten**² through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the
12 New Jersey Student Learning Standards ¹**["in Comprehensive Health**
13 **and Physical Education]'**.

14 b. The instruction shall:

15 (1) highlight and promote diversity ¹, including economic
16 diversity¹, equity, inclusion, tolerance¹,¹ and belonging ¹**["on topics**
17 **including:] in connection with**¹ gender and sexual orientation¹**[";] ,**¹
18 race and ethnicity¹**[";] ,**¹ disabilities¹**[";] , and**¹ religious tolerance;
19 ¹**["and unconscious bias; and]'**

20 (2) examine the impact that unconscious bias and economic
21 disparities have at both an individual level and on society as a whole;
22 and

23 (3)¹ encourage safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for
24 all students regardless of race or ethnicity, sexual and gender
25 identities, mental and physical disabilities, and religious beliefs.

26 c. The Commissioner of Education shall provide school districts
27 with sample learning activities and resources designed to promote
28 diversity and inclusion.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 Requires school districts to include instruction on diversity and
36 inclusion as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning
37 Standards.

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.

²Senate SED committee amendments adopted December 7, 2020.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4454

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JULY 27, 2020

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman CAROL A. MURPHY

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblywoman VERLINA REYNOLDS-JACKSON

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttle

SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to provide instruction on diversity and inclusion as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/27/2020)

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
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8 1. a. Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, each school
9 district shall incorporate instruction on diversity and inclusion into
10 the curriculum for students in grades 9 through 12 as part of the
11 district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning
12 Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

13 b. The instruction shall:

14 (1) highlight and promote diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance
15 and belonging on topics including: gender and sexual orientation;
16 race and ethnicity; disabilities; religious tolerance; and unconscious
17 bias; and

18 (2) encourage safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for
19 all students regardless of race or ethnicity, sexual and gender
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STATEMENT

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30 This bill requires school districts to provide instruction on
31 diversity and inclusion as part of the implementation of the New
32 Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and
33 Physical Education for students in grades 9 through 12. The
34 instruction is to:

35 • highlight and promote diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance
36 and belonging on topics including: gender and sexual
37 orientation; race and ethnicity; disabilities; religious
38 tolerance; and unconscious bias; and

39 • encourage safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for
40 all students regardless of race or ethnicity, sexual and gender
41 identities, mental and physical disabilities, and religious
42 beliefs.

43 Under the bill, the Commissioner of Education will provide
44 school districts with sample learning activities and resources
45 designed to promote diversity and inclusion.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4454

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 22, 2020

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4454 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires school districts to provide instruction on diversity and inclusion as part of the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The instruction will:

- highlight and promote diversity, including economic diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance, and belonging in connection with gender and sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, disabilities, and religious tolerance;
- examine the impact that unconscious bias and economic disparities have at both an individual level and on society as a whole; and
- encourage safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for all students regardless of race or ethnicity, sexual and gender identities, mental and physical disabilities, socioeconomic status, and religious beliefs.

Under the bill, the Commissioner of Education will provide school districts with sample learning activities and resources designed to promote diversity and inclusion.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

- eliminate specific reference to the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards; and
- provide that the instruction on diversity and inclusion will highlight and promote economic diversity and examine the impact that unconscious bias and economic disparities have at both an individual level and on society as a whole.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4454

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2020

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 4454 (1R) with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires school districts to provide instruction on diversity and inclusion in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The instruction will:

- highlight and promote diversity, including economic diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance, and belonging in connection with gender and sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, disabilities, and religious tolerance;
- examine the impact that unconscious bias and economic disparities have at both an individual level and on society as a whole; and
- encourage safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for all students regardless of race or ethnicity, sexual and gender identities, mental and physical disabilities, socioeconomic status, and religious beliefs.

Under the bill, the Commissioner of Education will provide school districts with sample learning activities and resources designed to promote diversity and inclusion.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to provide that the instruction on diversity and inclusion will be included in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades kindergarten through 12.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2781 (1R), which also was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE, No. 2781

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED AUGUST 3, 2020

Sponsored by:

Senator RICHARD J. CODEY

District 27 (Essex and Morris)

Senator BOB SMITH

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Singleton

SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to provide instruction on diversity and inclusion as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

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As introduced.



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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2781

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2020

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2781 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires school districts to provide instruction on diversity and inclusion in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The instruction will:

- highlight and promote diversity, including economic diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance, and belonging in connection with gender and sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, disabilities, and religious tolerance;
- examine the impact that unconscious bias and economic disparities have at both an individual level and on society as a whole; and
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Under the bill, the Commissioner of Education will provide school districts with sample learning activities and resources designed to promote diversity and inclusion.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to eliminate specific reference to the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards. The amendments provide that the instruction on diversity and inclusion will be incorporated throughout grades kindergarten through 12 and will highlight and promote economic diversity and examine the impact that unconscious bias and economic disparities have at both an individual level and on society as a whole.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4454(2R), which also was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

03/1/2021

TRENTON - Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-1271, 2588, 2660/ A-4409 (Cunningham, Gopal/Jasey, Downey, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes requirements for closures of private career schools and institutions of higher education, modifies review process of new academic programs, and requires approval of branch campuses

S-2713/A-4631 (Sarlo, Codey/Burzichelli) – Allows for cashless payment at certain sports and entertainment venues

A-1226/S-265 (Schaer, Jimenez, Wimberly, Mukherji, Benson, Quijano/T. Kean, Pou) – Requires electric public utilities to provide priority power restoration to certain medical facilities, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes

A-1537/S-2217 (Spearman, Moen/Cruz-Perez) – Extends economic recovery term under “Municipal Rehabilitation and Economic Recovery Act”; bars appeal of certain property assessments by Garden State Growth Zone Development Entity

A-2280/S-1763 (Armato, Murphy, Vainieri Huttel/Gopal, Cryan) – Criminalizes certain payments for referral of patients to substance use disorder treatment facilities

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A-4454/S-2781 (Murphy, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Codey, Smith, Ruiz) – Requires school districts to include instruction on diversity and inclusion as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards