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Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to school session days

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 3604 of the education law, as  
2 amended by section 46 of part H of chapter 83 of the laws of 2002, is  
3 amended to read as follows:  
4     8. No school shall be in session on a Saturday or a legal holiday,  
5 except [general election day,] Washington's birthday and Lincoln's  
6 birthday, and except that driver education classes may be conducted on a  
7 Saturday. A deficiency not exceeding three days during any school year  
8 caused by teachers' attendance upon conferences held by superintendents  
9 of schools of city school districts or other school districts employing  
10 superintendents of schools shall be excused by the commissioner,  
11 provided however, notwithstanding any other provision of law, that  
12 during the nineteen hundred ninety-two--ninety-three through the two  
13 thousand two--two thousand three school years and thereafter, the  
14 commissioner shall excuse a deficiency not exceeding four days during  
15 such school year caused by teachers' attendance upon conferences held by  
16 such superintendents, provided that at least two such conference days  
17 during such school year shall be dedicated to staff attendance upon  
18 conferences providing staff development relating to implementation of  
19 the new high learning standards and assessments, as adopted by the board  
20 of regents. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regu-  
21 lation to the contrary, school districts may elect to use one or more of  
22 such allowable conference days in units of not less than one hour each  
23 to provide staff development activities relating to implementation of  
24 the new high learning standards and assessments. A district making such  
25 election may provide such staff development during the regularly sched-  
26 uled daily session and apply such units to satisfy a deficiency in the

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 length of one or more daily sessions of instruction for pupils as speci-  
2 fied in regulations of the commissioner. The commissioner shall assure  
3 that such conference days include appropriate school violence prevention  
4 and intervention training, and may require that up to one such confer-  
5 ence day be dedicated for such purpose.

6 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.