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Introduced by M. of A. BOYLAND -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring a multi-cultural curriculum

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 804-e to read as follows:

S 804-E. MULTI-CULTURAL CURRICULUM. 1. ALL SCHOOLS INCLUDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO TEACH A MULTI-CULTURAL CURRICULUM WHICH SHALL BE SET OUT IN RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

2. IN FORMULATING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR A MULTI-CULTURAL CURRICULUM THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALLOW FOR AND SHALL IMPLEMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH CONSIDER THE DIFFERENCES IN THE CULTURAL COMPOSITION OF EACH SCHOOL AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALLOW AND DIRECT SCHOOLS TO DO RESEARCH AND OBSERVATION ON THEIR OWN STUDENT BODY IN ORDER TO PARTICULARIZE MULTI-CULTURAL EDUCATION TO FIT SUCH EDUCATION TO SUCH SCHOOL.

3. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALSO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH SHALL SET OUT A TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM IN ORDER TO TRAIN TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS TO TEACH AND INTERACT WITH STUDENTS OF DIFFERENT CULTURAL AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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