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Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 birth-
6 day, and except that driver education classes may be conducted on a
7 Saturday. NO SCHOOL LOCATED IN A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION
8 OR MORE SHALL BE IN SESSION ON GENERAL ELECTION DAY. A deficiency not
9 exceeding three days during any school year caused by teachers' attend-
10 ance upon conferences held by superintendents of schools of city school
11 districts or other school districts employing superintendents of schools
12 shall be excused by the commissioner, provided however, notwithstanding
13 any other provision of law, that during the nineteen hundred ninety-two-
14 -ninety-three through the two thousand two--two thousand three school
15 years and thereafter, the commissioner shall excuse a deficiency not
16 exceeding four days during such school year caused by teachers' attend-
17 ance upon conferences held by such superintendents, provided that at
18 least two such conference days during such school year shall be dedi-
19 cated to staff attendance upon conferences providing staff development
20 relating to implementation of the new high learning standards and
21 assessments, as adopted by the board of regents. Notwithstanding any
22 other provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, school
23 districts may elect to use one or more of such allowable conference days
24 in units of not less than one hour each to provide staff development

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

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1 activities relating to implementation of the new high learning standards
2 and assessments. A district making such election may provide such staff
3 development during the regularly scheduled daily session and apply such
4 units to satisfy a deficiency in the length of one or more daily
5 sessions of instruction for pupils as specified in regulations of the
6 commissioner. The commissioner shall assure that such conference days
7 include appropriate school violence prevention and intervention train-
8 ing, and may require that up to one such conference day be dedicated for
9 such purpose.
10 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.