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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to required attendances

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

Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 3210 of the education law, as amended by chapter 821 of the laws of 1947, is amended to read as follows:

b. (I) Absence for religious observance and education shall be permitted under rules that the commissioner shall establish.

(II) IN ADDITION, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR TRUSTEES SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER SCHOOL SESSION SHOULD NOT BE HELD AT AN INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR DISTRICT-WIDE, ON A DAY WHERE, IF SCHOOL WERE IN SESSION, ABSENTEEISM MAY RESULT IN THE WASTE OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES BECAUSE A CONSIDERABLE PROPORTION OF THE STUDENT POPULATION IS UNLIKELY TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF A RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL DAY OF OBSERVANCE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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