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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring public  
schools to incorporate instruction in Indian  
Subcontinent/Indo-Caribbean studies into the existing curriculum

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 801-b  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 801-B. EDUCATION REGARDING INDIAN SUBCONTINENT/INDO-CARIBBEAN  
4     STUDIES. 1. ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO INCLUDE, AS AN  
5     INTEGRAL PART OF SOCIAL STUDIES OR LITERATURE, INSTRUCTION REGARDING  
6     INDIAN SUBCONTINENT/INDO-CARIBBEAN STUDIES. THE CONTENT MAY BE VARIED TO  
7     MEET THE NEEDS OF PARTICULAR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND  
8     NEED NOT BE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.  
9     2. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "INDIAN SUBCONTINENT/INDO-CARIBBEAN  
10    STUDIES" MEANS EDUCATION REGARDING THE HISTORY, LITERATURE AND/OR  
11    CULTURE OF GROUPS OF PERSONS HAVING ORIGINS IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT.  
12    3. THE REGENTS SHALL DETERMINE HOW TO INCORPORATE SUCH COMPONENT IN  
13    EXISTING CURRICULA AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE ANY REGULATIONS  
14    NEEDED TO CARRY OUT SUCH DETERMINATION OF THE REGENTS AND TO ESTABLISH A  
15    CURRICULUM FOR INSTRUCTION IN INDIAN SUBCONTINENT/INDO-CARIBBEAN STUDIES  
16    TO BE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.  
17    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all  
18    school years commencing on or after July 1, 2014.

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

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