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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- 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 -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring certain text-books to reference the Sea of Japan as also the East Sea and requiring instruction on the servitude of "comfort women" by the Imperial Japanese army

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 706 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 706. REFERENCE TO SEA OF JAPAN. ANY TEXT-BOOK APPROVED AND ISSUED  
4     PURSUANT TO SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH REFERS TO  
5     THE SEA OF JAPAN SHALL CHANGE THE NAME FROM SEA OF JAPAN TO THE EAST  
6     SEA, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE SHALL NOTE THAT IT IS ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE  
7     EAST SEA.  
8     S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 801 of the education law, as amended by  
9     chapter 574 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:  
10    1. In order to promote a spirit of patriotic and civic service and  
11    obligation and to foster in the children of the state moral and intel-  
12    lectual qualities which are essential in preparing to meet the obli-  
13    gations of citizenship in peace or in war, the regents of The University  
14    of the State of New York shall prescribe courses of instruction in  
15    patriotism, citizenship, and human rights issues, with particular atten-  
16    tion to the study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery (including the  
17    freedom trail and underground railroad), the Holocaust, THE FORCED SEXU-  
18    AL SERVITUDE OF THOUSANDS OF "COMFORT WOMEN" BY THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE  
19    ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II, and the mass starvation in Ireland from 1845  
20    to 1850, to be maintained and followed in all the schools of the state.  
21    The boards of education and trustees of the several cities and school  
22    districts of the state shall require instruction to be given in such

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

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1 courses, by the teachers employed in the schools therein. All pupils  
2 attending such schools, over the age of eight years, shall attend upon  
3 such instruction.

4 Similar courses of instruction shall be prescribed and maintained in  
5 private schools in the state, and all pupils in such schools over eight  
6 years of age shall attend upon such courses. If such courses are not so  
7 established and maintained in a private school, attendance upon instruc-  
8 tion in such school shall not be deemed substantially equivalent to  
9 instruction given to pupils of like age in the public schools of the  
10 city or district in which such pupils reside.

11 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
12 the date on which it shall have become a law, except that section one of  
13 this act shall take effect July 1, 2016 and shall apply to text-books  
14 approved and issued on or after such date.