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IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of
A. Cymbrowitz) -- (at request of the Governor) -- read once and
referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to alcohol, tobacco and
drug abuse education

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 4 of section 804 of the educa-
2 tion law, as amended by chapter 181 of the laws of 2000, is amended to
3 read as follows:
4 a. The commissioner may prescribe in regulations such health education
5 courses which include instruction regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other
6 drugs as the commissioner may deem necessary and desirable for the
7 welfare of pupils and the community. The contents may be varied to meet
8 the needs of particular school districts, or portions thereof, and need
9 not be uniform throughout the state, provided, however, that school
10 districts shall utilize either the curriculum for health education
11 instruction regarding alcohol, tobacco and other drugs prescribed by the
12 commissioner or a course approved by the commissioner in accordance with
13 criteria established by the commissioner. THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
14 TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS BEGINNING DECEMBER
15 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN AND EVERY THREE YEARS THEREAFTER RELATING
16 TO THE MODERNIZATION OF SUCH INSTRUCTION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVI-
17 SION ONE OF THIS SECTION, TO INCLUDE THE MOST UP TO DATE AGE APPROPRIATE
18 INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING THE MISUSE AND ABUSE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO
19 AND OTHER DRUGS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HEROIN AND OPIOIDS. SUCH
20 INSTRUCTION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, INFORMATION REGARDING
21 DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES THAT ARE MORE PREVALENT AMONG SCHOOL AGED
22 YOUTH. SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE THE RESULT OF A COLLABORATION
23 BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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

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1 SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. IF THE BOARD OF REGENTS ADOPTS
2 SUCH CURRICULUM, THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT SHALL TAKE EFFECT NO LATER
3 THAN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AFTER SUCH CURRICULUM HAS BEEN ADOPTED.
4 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that effective
5 immediately, all rules and regulations necessary for the implementation
6 of this act on its effective date may be promulgated prior to such
7 effective date.