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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ, DiPIETRO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, McDONOUGH, PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring instruction in cursive writing and memorization of multiplication tables as part of the basic education program

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 two new sections 819
2 and 820 to read as follows:

3 § 819. Courses of instruction in cursive writing. The standard course
4 of study shall include the requirement that public schools provide
5 instruction in cursive writing so that students create readable docu-
6 ments through legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth grade.

7 § 820. Instruction relating to multiplication tables. The standard
8 course of study shall include the requirement that students enrolled in
9 public schools memorize multiplication tables to demonstrate competency
10 in efficiently multiplying numbers.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to school
12 years commencing on the first of July next succeeding the date on which
13 it shall have become a law.

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

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