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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the administration of the GED examination in the Chinese and Korean languages for pupils who are proficient in such languages and of limited English proficiency

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3204-a to read as follows:

S 3204-A. ADMINISTRATION OF THE GED EXAMINATION IN THE CHINESE AND KOREAN LANGUAGES. 1. STUDENTS WHO ARE PROFICIENT IN THE CHINESE OR KOREAN LANGUAGE AND OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN PREPARATION FOR THE GED EXAMINATION AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH EXAMINATION IN THE CHINESE OR KOREAN LANGUAGE.

2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE EACH BOARD OF EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE BOARD OF EACH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL PUPILS PROFICIENT IN THE CHINESE OR KOREAN LANGUAGE, AND OF LIMITED PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH, THE OFFICIAL GED EXAMINATION WRITTEN IN SUCH NATIVE LANGUAGE, AND MAKE AVAILABLE ANY INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES OR PROGRAMS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUCH EXAMINATION, WHICH ARE OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, INCLUDING COURSE MATERIALS, IN SUCH NATIVE LANGUAGE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL FURTHER DIRECT THAT ANY NOTIFICATION OR CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GED EXAMINATION SHALL BE WRITTEN IN THE CHINESE OR KOREAN LANGUAGE.

3. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN A RECORD OF PUPILS WHO HAVE THE GED EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED IN THE CHINESE OR KOREAN LANGUAGE AND SHALL REPORT SUCH INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

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

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S 2. The commissioner of education is hereby authorized to promulgate any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act, including, but not limited to, rules or regulations directing the department to enter into a contract with the American Council on Education to develop and provide appropriate testing materials.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.