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Introduced by M. of A. DIAZ -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to school session days

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 3604 of the education law, as
2 amended by section 46 of part H of chapter 83 of the laws of 2002, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 8. No school shall be in session on a Saturday or a legal holiday,
5 except [general election day,] Washington's birthday and Lincoln's
6 birthday, and except that driver education classes may be conducted on a
7 Saturday. A deficiency not exceeding three days during any school year
8 caused by teachers' attendance upon conferences held by superintendents
9 of schools of city school districts or other school districts employing
10 superintendents of schools shall be excused by the commissioner,
11 provided however, notwithstanding any other provision of law, that
12 during the nineteen hundred ninety-two--ninety-three through the two
13 thousand two--two thousand three school years and thereafter, the
14 commissioner shall excuse a deficiency not exceeding four days during
15 such school year caused by teachers' attendance upon conferences held by
16 such superintendents, provided that at least two such conference days
17 during such school year shall be dedicated to staff attendance upon
18 conferences providing staff development relating to implementation of
19 the new high learning standards and assessments, as adopted by the board
20 of regents. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation
21 to the contrary, school districts may elect to use one or more of
22 such allowable conference days in units of not less than one hour each
23 to provide staff development activities relating to implementation of
24 the new high learning standards and assessments. A district making such
25 election may provide such staff development during the regularly scheduled
26 daily session and apply such units to satisfy a deficiency in the

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

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1 length of one or more daily sessions of instruction for pupils as speci-
2 fied in regulations of the commissioner. The commissioner shall assure
3 that such conference days include appropriate school violence prevention
4 and intervention training, and may require that up to one such confer-
5 ence day be dedicated for such purpose.
6 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.