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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to blood donor education

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 815 to read as follows:

S 815. BLOOD DONOR EDUCATION. 1. THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL PRESCRIBE A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION TO BE MAINTAINED AND FOLLOWED IN ALL THE SCHOOLS OF THE STATE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES ELEVEN AND TWELVE DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN BLOOD DONOR PROGRAMS. SUCH COURSE SHALL STRESS THE VALUE OF MAINTAINING GOOD HEALTH AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING FOR OTHER PEOPLE. THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND TRUSTEES OF THE SEVERAL CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE SHALL REQUIRE INSTRUCTION TO BE GIVEN IN SUCH COURSE, BY THE TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN THE SCHOOLS THEREIN. ALL PUPILS ATTENDING SUCH GRADES IN SUCH SCHOOLS SHALL ATTEND UPON SUCH INSTRUCTION. A SIMILAR COURSE OF INSTRUCTION SHALL BE PRESCRIBED AND MAINTAINED IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE, AND ALL PUPILS IN SUCH GRADES IN SUCH SCHOOLS SHALL ATTEND UPON SUCH COURSE. IF SUCH COURSE IS NOT SO ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL, ATTENDANCE UPON INSTRUCTION IN SUCH SCHOOL SHALL NOT BE DEEMED SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO INSTRUCTION GIVEN TO PUPILS OF LIKE GRADE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OR DISTRICT IN WHICH SUCH PUPILS RESIDE.

2. THE REGENTS SHALL ADOPT RULES PROVIDING FOR ATTENDANCE UPON SUCH INSTRUCTION AND FOR SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE REQUIRED FOR CARRYING INTO EFFECT THE TEACHING OF THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH SECTION AND SHALL CAUSE TO BE INSPECTED AND SUPERVISE THE INSTRUCTION TO BE GIVEN IN SUCH COURSE.

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

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3. NO STUDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BLOOD DONOR COURSE OF INSTRUCTION DESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION IF THE STUDENT OR, IF SUCH STUDENT IS LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, THE STUDENT'S PARENTS OR GUARDIAN OBJECT TO SUCH PARTICIPATION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS AND NO PENALTY WITH RESPECT TO CREDIT OR GRADUATION SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON SUCH STUDENT.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to school years beginning on or after July 1, 2009.