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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a mathematics B regents prep course for New York school districts that have less than sixty-five percent of their students passing the mathematics B regents

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

1 Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature hereby finds that it
2 is necessary to increase the percentage of students passing the math-
3 ematics B regents in New York school districts. The mathematics B
4 regents examination for high school students is one of five major
5 regents examinations required for high school students to obtain a
6 general high school diploma. The legislature further finds that over
7 twenty counties have averaged less than sixty-five percent of their
8 students passing the mathematics B regents examination. The legislature
9 therefore enacts this legislation establishing a mathematics B regents
10 prep course to prepare students for the mathematics regents by reviewing
11 previous regents exams and materials.

12 S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 815 to read
13 as follows:

14 S 815. MATHEMATICS B REGENTS PREP COURSE. 1. THE COMMISSIONER, IN
15 COOPERATION WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS, IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO
16 ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE MATHEMATICS B
17 REGENTS EXAMINATION. SUCH PROGRAM MAY BE INSTITUTED BY ANY SCHOOL
18 DISTRICT SEEKING TO PROVIDE ITS SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH AN OPPOR-
19 TUNITY TO ACHIEVE A PASSING GRADE ON THE MATHEMATICS B REGENTS EXAMINA-
20 TION.

21 2. THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL ESTABLISH CRITERIA TO BE USED BY SCHOOL
22 DISTRICTS PARTICIPATING IN SUCH PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE REVIEW AND TEST-
23 ING OF STUDENTS ON PREVIOUS MATHEMATICS B REGENTS EXAMINATION MATERIALS.

24 S 3. This act shall take effect September 1, 2010; provided, however,
25 that any rules or regulations necessary to implement the provisions of
26 this act shall be promulgated on or before such date.

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

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