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2009-2010 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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, GENERAL ELECTION DAY
5 or a legal holiday, except [general election day,] Washington's birthday
6 and Lincoln's birthday, and except that driver education classes may be
7 conducted on a Saturday. A deficiency not exceeding three days during
8 any school year caused by teachers' attendance upon conferences held by
9 superintendents of schools of city school districts or other school
10 districts employing superintendents of schools shall be excused by the
11 commissioner, provided however, notwithstanding any other provision of
12 law, that during the nineteen hundred ninety-two--ninety-three through
13 the two thousand two--two thousand three school years and thereafter,
14 the commissioner shall excuse a deficiency not exceeding four days
15 during such school year caused by teachers' attendance upon conferences
16 held by such superintendents, provided that at least two such conference
17 days 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 regu-
21 lation 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

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

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1 the new high learning standards and assessments. A district making such
2 election may provide such staff development during the regularly sched-
3 uled daily session and apply such units to satisfy a deficiency in the
4 length of one or more daily sessions of instruction for pupils as speci-
5 fied in regulations of the commissioner. The commissioner shall assure
6 that such conference days include appropriate school violence prevention
7 and intervention training, and may require that up to one such confer-
8 ence day be dedicated for such purpose.

9 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.