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Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the adminis-
tration 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 ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3204-a
2 to read as follows:
3 S 3204-A. ADMINISTRATION OF THE GED EXAMINATION IN THE CHINESE AND
4 KOREAN LANGUAGES. 1. STUDENTS WHO ARE PROFICIENT IN THE CHINESE OR KORE-
5 AN LANGUAGE AND OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO
6 RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN PREPARATION FOR THE GED EXAMINATION AND THE
7 ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH EXAMINATION IN THE CHINESE OR KOREAN LANGUAGE.
8 2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE EACH BOARD OF EDUCATION, INCLUDING
9 THE BOARD OF EACH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
10 MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL PUPILS PROFICIENT IN THE CHINESE OR KOREAN
11 LANGUAGE, AND OF LIMITED PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH, THE OFFICIAL GED EXAM-
12 INATION WRITTEN IN SUCH NATIVE LANGUAGE, AND MAKE AVAILABLE ANY INSTRU-
13 TIONAL COURSES OR PROGRAMS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUCH EXAMINATION,
14 WHICH ARE OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, INCLUDING COURSE MATERIALS, IN
15 SUCH NATIVE LANGUAGE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL FURTHER DIRECT THAT ANY
16 NOTIFICATION OR CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GED
17 EXAMINATION SHALL BE WRITTEN IN THE CHINESE OR KOREAN LANGUAGE.
18 3. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN A RECORD OF PUPILS
19 WHO HAVE THE GED EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED IN THE CHINESE OR KOREAN
20 LANGUAGE AND SHALL REPORT SUCH INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AN ANNU-
21 AL BASIS.

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

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

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