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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the single gender core course academies demonstration program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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 3209-b to read as follows:

S 3209-B. SINGLE GENDER CORE COURSE ACADEMIES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A SINGLE GENDER CORE COURSE ACADEMIES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM WHICH SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF COURSES IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES IN GENDER SEPARATED CLASSES FOR A PORTION OF THE PUPILS IN EACH GRADE LEVEL WITHIN SCHOOLS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PROGRAM. ALL OTHER COURSES SHALL BE INSTRUCTED IN COEDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE THE SCHOOLS WHICH SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE SINGLE GENDER CORE COURSE ACADEMIES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. THE SCHOOLS SELECTED SHALL BE LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS WITHIN EACH OF THE CITIES OF NEW YORK, ROCHESTER, SYRACUSE, BUFFALO AND YONKERS. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN FOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, EIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND ONE HIGH SCHOOL OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EACH SUCH CITY.

3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT THE SINGLE GENDER CORE COURSE ACADEMIES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH A UNIVERSITY CENTER OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, SELECTED BY THE COMMISSIONER, WHICH OFFERS POST GRADUATE DEGREES IN EDUCATION. SUCH UNIVERSITY CENTER SHALL UTILIZE SUCH PROGRAM TO STUDY AND RESEARCH THE SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND GAINS OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMONSTRATION

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

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PROGRAM IN COMPARISON TO THE SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF A SIMILARLY SITUATED GROUP OF STUDENTS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM.

4. NO STUDENT IN A PARTICIPATING SCHOOL SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SINGLE GENDER CORE COURSE ACADEMIES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THEIR PARENT, GUARDIAN OR PERSON IN LOCO PARENTIS.

5. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SEPTEMBER FIRST OR JANUARY FIRST, WHICHEVER SHALL OCCUR FIRST AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

6. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS TO ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY CENTER, SELECTED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION, MONITOR AND MAINTAIN RECORDS ON THE PROGRESS IN THE SCHOOL FOR EACH SINGLE GENDER CORE COURSE IN EACH GRADE AND GENDER. ALL SUCH REPORTS SHALL BE COMPILED AND COMPARED TO DATA ON STUDENTS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION, AND SHALL BE ANNUALLY REPORTED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER FIRST TO THE GOVERNOR, TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

7. EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION, REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION, TO THE PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS IN SUCH SCHOOL BY MEANS OF ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLICATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS PROCESS.

8. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, ON THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS DURING THE ENTIRETY OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. SUCH PROGRESS SHALL BE REPORTED BASED ON GRADE LEVEL, COURSE SUBJECT, GENDER, ETHNIC BACKGROUND AND SCHOOL.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed September 1, 2014; provided that any rules and regulations or any other actions necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be completed on or before such date.