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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, EDDINGTON, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored  
by -- M. of A. GLICK, GREENE, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to  
the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to expanding the require-  
ments for teaching humane education to secondary school students

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 809 of the education law, as  
2     amended by chapter 542 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     1. A. The officer, board or commission authorized or required to  
5     prescribe courses of instruction shall cause instruction to be given in  
6     every elementary school under state control or supported wholly or part-  
7     ly by public money of the state, in the humane treatment and protection  
8     of animals and the importance of the part they play in the economy of  
9     nature as well as the necessity of controlling the proliferation of  
10    animals which are subsequently abandoned and caused to suffer extreme  
11    cruelty. Such instruction shall be for such period of time during each  
12    school year as the board of regents may prescribe and may be joined with  
13    work in literature, reading, language, nature study or ethnology. Such  
14    weekly instruction may be divided into two or more periods.  
15    B. THE OFFICER, BOARD, OR COMMISSION AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED TO  
16    PRESCRIBE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION SHALL CAUSE INSTRUCTION TO BE GIVEN IN  
17    EVERY SECONDARY SCHOOL UNDER STATE CONTROL OR SUPPORTED WHOLLY OR PARTLY  
18    BY PUBLIC MONEY OF THE STATE, IN THE HUMANE TREATMENT AND PROTECTION OF  
19    ANIMALS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PART THEY PLAY IN THE ECONOMY OF  
20    NATURE AS WELL AS THE NECESSITY OF CONTROLLING THE PROLIFERATION OF  
21    ANIMALS WHICH ARE SUBSEQUENTLY ABANDONED AND CAUSED TO SUFFER EXTREME  
22    CRUELTY. SUCH INSTRUCTION SHALL INCLUDE EDUCATING STUDENTS ON THE PRIN-  
23    CIPLES OF KINDNESS TO AND RESPECT FOR ANIMALS AND OBSERVANCE OF LAWS AND  
24    RULES PERTAINING TO THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS. THE COMMISSIONER

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

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1 SHALL DETERMINE HOW TO INCORPORATE SUCH INSTRUCTION IN EXISTING CURRIC-  
2 ULA AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE ANY REGULATIONS NEEDED TO  
3 CARRY OUT SUCH DETERMINATION.

4 C. A school district shall not be entitled to participate in the  
5 public school money on account of any school or the attendance at any  
6 school subject to the provisions of this section, if the instruction  
7 required [hereby] PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION is not given therein.

8 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
9 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the  
10 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
11 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized  
12 and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.