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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:

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

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

S 815. MATHEMATICS B REGENTS PREP COURSE. 1. THE COMMISSIONER, IN COOPERATION WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS, IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE MATHEMATICS B REGENTS EXAMINATION. SUCH PROGRAM MAY BE INSTITUTED BY ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKING TO PROVIDE ITS SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE A PASSING GRADE ON THE MATHEMATICS B REGENTS EXAMINATION.

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

S 3. This act shall take effect September 1, 2010; provided, however, that any rules or regulations necessary to implement the provisions of 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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