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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:

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

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

14 S 815. MATHEMATICS B REGENTS PREP COURSE. 1. THE COMMISSIONER, IN  
15 COOPERATION WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS, IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO  
16 ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE MATHEMATICS B  
17 REGENTS EXAMINATION. SUCH PROGRAM MAY BE INSTITUTED BY ANY SCHOOL  
18 DISTRICT SEEKING TO PROVIDE ITS SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH AN OPPOR-  
19 TUNITY TO ACHIEVE A PASSING GRADE ON THE MATHEMATICS B REGENTS EXAMINA-  
20 TION.

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

24 S 3. This act shall take effect September 1, 2010; provided, however,  
25 that any rules or regulations necessary to implement the provisions of  
26 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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