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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring that the course of instruction for students in grades kindergarten through twelve include a component on environmental education

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 815 to read as follows:

S 815. INSTRUCTION IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. THE REGENTS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELVE INCLUDES A COMPONENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. SUCH COMPONENT SHALL INSTRUCT STUDENTS ON TOPICS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RECYCLING, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, CONSERVATION, AND CLIMATE CHANGE. THE REGENTS SHALL DETERMINE HOW TO INCORPORATE SUCH COMPONENT IN EXISTING CURRICULA AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE ANY REGULATIONS NEEDED TO CARRY OUT SUCH DETERMINATION OF THE REGENTS.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that school districts shall be in full compliance with the provisions of this act by July 1, 2012.

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

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