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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to instruction in food,  
agriculture and nutrition

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 804-e  
2     to read as follows:

3     S 804-E. HEALTH EDUCATION REGARDING FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION.  
4     1. ALL SCHOOLS SHALL INCLUDE, AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF HEALTH EDUCATION,  
5     INSTRUCTION ON FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION TO PROMOTE EATING BEHAV-  
6     IOR THAT ENHANCES THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE STUDENTS.

7     2. INSTRUCTION REGARDING FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION SHALL BE  
8     INCLUDED IN THE HEALTH EDUCATION PROVIDED FOR ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
9     PUPILS AND SHALL BE TAUGHT BY THE REGULAR CLASSROOM TEACHERS OR BY  
10    TEACHERS CERTIFIED TO TEACH HEALTH EDUCATION. SUCH INSTRUCTION SHALL BE  
11    DESIGNED ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS AND ABILITIES OF THE PUPILS AT SUCCE-  
12    SIVE GRADE LEVELS WITH THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING DESIRABLE HEALTH BEHAV-  
13    IOR, ATTITUDES AND KNOWLEDGE, AS WELL AS SELF-RELIANCE AND PROBLEM SOLV-  
14    ING CAPACITY.

15    3. INSTRUCTION REGARDING FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION, IN ADDITION  
16    TO CONTINUED HEALTH GUIDANCE IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SHALL BE AN INTEGRAL PART  
17    OF A REQUIRED HEALTH EDUCATION COURSE AT EACH LEVEL IN THE SECONDARY  
18    SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM. ANY SUCH COURSE SHALL BE TAUGHT BY TEACHERS HOLDING  
19    A CERTIFICATE TO TEACH HEALTH. RELATED COURSES IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL  
20    CURRICULUM SHALL BE TAUGHT IN A MANNER SUPPORTIVE OF HEALTH EDUCATION  
21    REGARDING FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION.

22    4. THE COMMISSIONER MAY PRESCRIBE SUCH REGULATIONS REGARDING INSTRU-  
23    TION ON FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY DEEM  
24    NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF PUPILS AND THE  
25    COMMUNITY. THE CONTENTS MAY BE VARIED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PARTICULAR

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

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1 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND NEED NOT BE UNIFORM THROUGH-  
2 OUT THE STATE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL UTILIZE  
3 EITHER THE CURRICULUM FOR HEALTH EDUCATION INSTRUCTION REGARDING FOOD,  
4 AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER OR A COURSE  
5 APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY  
6 THE COMMISSIONER.

7 5. SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SHALL PROVIDE THE NEEDED FACILITIES, TIME AND  
8 PLACE FOR THE INSTRUCTION SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION AND SHALL PROVIDE  
9 LEARNING AIDS AND CURRICULUM RESOURCE MATERIALS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO  
10 EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS AND LEARNING IN HEALTH EDUCATION REGARDING  
11 FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION.

12 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
13 the date on which it shall have become a law.