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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring instruction in anti-gun violence in all schools

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 805 to read as follows:

S 805. ANTI-GUN VIOLENCE EDUCATION. 1. ALL SCHOOLS SHALL INCLUDE AGE-APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION ON ANTI-GUN VIOLENCE AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE EDUCATION PROVIDED BY REGULAR CLASSROOM TEACHERS.

2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING INSTRUCTION ON ANTI-GUN VIOLENCE AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY DEEM NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF PUPILS AND THE COMMUNITY. THE CONTENTS MAY BE VARIED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PARTICULAR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND NEED NOT BE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT THE STATE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL UTILIZE EITHER THE CURRICULUM FOR ANTI-GUN VIOLENCE INSTRUCTION PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER OR A COURSE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

3. SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SHALL PROVIDE THE NEEDED FACILITIES, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE INSTRUCTION SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION AND SHALL PROVIDE LEARNING AIDS AND CURRICULUM RESOURCE MATERIALS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS AND LEARNING IN ANTI-GUN VIOLENCE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made 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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