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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to exemption from physical education classes for students participating in interscholastic sports

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 803 of the education law, as amended by chapter 118 of the laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

1. All pupils above the age of eight years in all elementary and secondary schools, shall receive as part of the prescribed courses of instruction therein such physical education under the direction of the commissioner of education as the regents may determine. Such courses shall be designed to aid in the well-rounded education of pupils and in the development of character, citizenship, physical fitness, health and the worthy use of leisure. Pupils above such age attending the public schools shall be required to attend upon such prescribed courses of instruction. *PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS SHALL BE EXEMPT, ONLY FOR THE DURATION OF THE INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT SEASON, FROM THE PRESCRIBED COURSES OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.*

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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