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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a geometry and algebra II/trigonometry regents prep course for New York school districts that have less than sixty-five percent of their students passing the geometry and algebra II/trigonometry regents

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

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature hereby finds that it is necessary to increase the percentage of students passing the geometry and algebra II/trigonometry regents in New York school districts. The geometry and algebra II/trigonometry regents examination for high school students is one of five major regents examinations required for high school students to obtain a general high school diploma. The legislature further finds that over twenty counties have averaged less than sixty-five percent of their students passing the geometry and algebra II/trigonometry regents examination. The legislature therefore enacts this legislation establishing a geometry and algebra II/trigonometry regents prep course to prepare students for the mathematics regents by reviewing previous regents exams and materials.

S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 817 to read as follows:

S 817. GEOMETRY AND ALGEBRA II/TRIGONOMETRY REGENTS PREP COURSE. 1. THE COMMISSIONER, IN COOPERATION WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS, IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE GEOMETRY AND ALGEBRA II/TRIGONOMETRY REGENTS EXAMINATION. SUCH PROGRAM MAY BE INSTITUTED BY ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKING TO PROVIDE ITS

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

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE A PASSING GRADE ON THE GEOMETRY AND ALGEBRA II/TRIGONOMETRY REGENTS EXAMINATION.

2. THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL ESTABLISH CRITERIA TO BE USED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATING IN SUCH PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE REVIEW AND TESTING OF STUDENTS ON PREVIOUS GEOMETRY AND ALGEBRA II/TRIGONOMETRY REGENTS EXAMINATION MATERIALS.

S 3. This act shall take effect September 1, 2016; provided, however, that any rules or regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act shall be promulgated on or before such date.