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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing Earth day

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 810 of the education law, as amended by chapter 616
2 of the laws of 1969 and subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 96 of the
3 laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:
4 S 810. [Conservation] EARTH day. [1. The last Friday in April each
5 year is hereby made and declared to be known as Conservation day, and
6 observed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, except that
7 for the year nineteen hundred seventy-eight, Conservation day shall be
8 May third.
9 2. It shall be the duty of the authorities of every public school in
10 this state to assemble the pupils in their charge on that day in the
11 school building, or elsewhere, as they may deem proper, and to provide
12 for and conduct (1) such exercises as shall tend to encourage the plant-
13 ing, protection and preservation of trees and shrubs, and an acquaint-
14 ance with the best methods to be adopted to accomplish such results, and
15 (2) such lectures, pictures or tours, as shall tend to increase the
16 interest and knowledge of such pupils in the fish and wild life, soil
17 and water of the state.
18 3. The commissioner of education may prescribe from time to time a
19 course of exercises and instruction in the subjects hereinbefore
20 mentioned, which shall be adopted and observed by the public school
21 authorities on Conservation day. Upon receipt of copies of such course
22 sufficient in number to supply all the schools under their supervision,
23 the school authorities aforesaid shall promptly provide each of the
24 schools under their charge with a copy, and cause it to be observed]
25 ANNUALLY, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE AUTHORITIES OF EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL
26 IN THIS STATE TO OBSERVE EARTH DAY AS THEY MAY DEEM PROPER AND TO
27 ENCOURAGE INSTRUCTION ON THE EARTH'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AS APPROPRIATE.
28 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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