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Introduced by Sens. VALESKY, GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- 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 career and technical education diploma

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 817 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 817. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PATHWAY TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLO-  
4     MA. 1. A. A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PATHWAY TO A HIGH  
5     SCHOOL DIPLOMA IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED. A CTE PATHWAY TO A DIPLOMA SHALL:  
6     (I) RESULT IN A REGENTS OR LOCAL DIPLOMA;  
7     (II) DIFFER FROM THE TRADITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO A REGENTS OR LOCAL  
8     DIPLOMA WITH RESPECT TO REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS;  
9     (III) BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO  
10    STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.  
11    B. A CTE PATHWAY TO A DIPLOMA SHALL BE BASED ON CURRICULUM DESIGNED TO  
12    PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH TECHNICAL SKILLS AND SHALL DEMONSTRATE THAT THE  
13    STUDENT IS READY FOR A CAREER AS DETERMINED BY REGULATIONS OF THE  
14    COMMISSIONER. A CTE PATHWAY TO A DIPLOMA SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE  
15    LIMITED TO:  
16    (I) COMPLETION OF A CTE SEQUENCE;  
17    (II) COMPLETION OF A THREE-PART TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT;  
18    (III) COMPLETION OF WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES AS PROVIDED BY THE  
19    APPROVED PROGRAM; AND,  
20    (IV) COMPLETION OF A WORK-SKILLS EMPLOYABILITY PROFILE.  
21    C. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
22    SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, A COURSE OF STUDY IN THE FOLLOWING

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

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1 CAREER FIELDS: AGRICULTURE EDUCATION, BUSINESS AND MARKETING EDUCATION,  
2 FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS EDUCATION,  
3 TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION, AND TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL  
4 EDUCATION.

5 2. THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH REGULATIONS OF THE  
6 COMMISSIONER AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE CURRICULUM, ASSESS-  
7 MENTS AND ANY OTHER CRITERIA THAT STUDENTS MUST ACHIEVE TO EARN A  
8 REGENTS OR LOCAL DIPLOMA VIA A CTE PATHWAY.

9 3. STUDENTS WHO ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL IN THE TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN--TWO  
10 THOUSAND FOURTEEN SCHOOL YEAR AND THEREAFTER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO EARN A  
11 DIPLOMA VIA A CTE PATHWAY.

12 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that effective  
13 immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regu-  
14 lation necessary for the timely implementation of this act on its effec-  
15 tive date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or  
16 before such effective date.