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Introduced by Sen. GRISANTI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing students an opportunity to take regents examinations if missed due to school closure

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 208-b  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 208-B. ALTERNATIVE REGENTS EXAM TESTING DAYS DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE.  
4     ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS CLOSED DUE TO AN EMERGENCY DURING A REGENTS  
5     EXAMINATION PERIOD IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ANY STUDENT QUALIFIED TO TAKE  
6     SUCH EXAM AS SET FORTH IN 8 NYCRR 8.2 AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE EXAM  
7     MISSED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE ORIGINAL EXAMINATION. THE  
8     BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL SELECT THE DATE FOR THE REGENTS EXAMS AND NOTIFY  
9     SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE MAKE-UP DATE AND LOCATIONS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
10    SECTION, "EMERGENCY" SHALL BE DEFINED AS A SITUATION THAT POSES AN IMME-  
11    DIATE RISK TO HEALTH, LIFE, OR PROPERTY THAT CAUSES A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO  
12    CLOSE.  
13    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, the  
14    addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
15    for the implementation of this act on its effective date is directed to  
16    be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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