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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH, STEVENSON, CAMARA, JAFFEE -- read once  
and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to school session days

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 3604 of the education law, as  
2     amended by chapter 260 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     8. No school shall be in session on a Saturday, GENERAL ELECTION DAY  
5     or a legal holiday, except [general election day,] Washington's birthday  
6     and Lincoln's birthday, and except that driver education classes may be  
7     conducted on a Saturday. A deficiency not exceeding four days during any  
8     school year caused by teachers' attendance upon conferences held by  
9     superintendents of schools of city school districts or other school  
10    districts employing superintendents of schools shall be excused by the  
11    commissioner, notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation  
12    to the contrary, a school district may elect to schedule such conference  
13    days in the last two weeks of August, subject to collective bargaining  
14    requirements pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law, and  
15    such days shall be counted towards the required one hundred eighty days  
16    of session, provided however, that such scheduling shall not alter the  
17    obligation of the school district to provide transportation to students  
18    in non-public elementary and secondary schools or charter schools. The  
19    commissioner shall excuse a deficiency not exceeding four days during  
20    such school year caused by teachers' attendance upon conferences held by  
21    such superintendents, provided that at least two such conference days  
22    during such school year shall be dedicated to staff attendance upon  
23    conferences providing staff development relating to implementation of  
24    the new high learning standards and assessments, as adopted by the board  
25    of regents. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regu-

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

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1 lation to the contrary, school districts may elect to use one or more of  
2 such allowable conference days in units of not less than one hour each  
3 to provide staff development activities relating to implementation of  
4 the new high learning standards and assessments. A district making such  
5 election may provide such staff development during the regularly sched-  
6 uled daily session and apply such units to satisfy a deficiency in the  
7 length of one or more daily sessions of instruction for pupils as speci-  
8 fied in regulations of the commissioner. The commissioner shall assure  
9 that such conference days include appropriate school violence prevention  
10 and intervention training, and may require that up to one such confer-  
11 ence day be dedicated for such purpose.  
12 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.