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Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the instruction of state and local government in elementary and middle schools in the state

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 802-b
2 to read as follows:
3 S 802-B. COURSES OF INSTRUCTION IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. 1. THE
4 REGENTS SHALL PRESCRIBE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION IN STATE AND LOCAL
5 GOVERNMENT TO BE MAINTAINED AND FOLLOWED IN ALL OF THE ELEMENTARY AND
6 MIDDLE SCHOOLS OF THE STATE. THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND TRUSTEES OF THE
7 SEVERAL CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE SHALL REQUIRE INSTRUCTION
8 TO BE GIVEN IN SUCH COURSES, BY THE TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN THE
9 SCHOOLS THEREIN. ALL PUPILS ATTENDING SUCH SCHOOLS, IN ELEMENTARY AND
10 MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES, SHALL ATTEND UPON SUCH INSTRUCTION.
11 2. SIMILAR COURSES OF INSTRUCTION SHALL BE PRESCRIBED AND MAINTAINED
12 IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE, AND ALL PUPILS IN SUCH SCHOOLS IN
13 GRADES OR CLASSES CORRESPONDING TO THE INSTRUCTION IN THE ELEMENTARY AND
14 MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL ATTEND UPON SUCH COURSES.
15 IF SUCH COURSES ARE NOT SO ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED IN A PRIVATE
16 SCHOOL, ATTENDANCE UPON INSTRUCTION IN SUCH SCHOOL SHALL NOT BE DEEMED
17 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO INSTRUCTION GIVEN TO PUPILS IN THE PUBLIC
18 SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OR DISTRICT IN WHICH SUCH PUPILS RESIDE.
19 S 2. This act shall take effect twenty-four months after it shall have
20 become a law; provided, however, that any rules or regulations necessary
21 for the timely implementation of this act on its effective date shall be
22 promulgated on or before such date.

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

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