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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the establishment of a comprehensive career readiness program for third grade students

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 53 to read as follows:
3 53. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING
4 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO
5 THIRD GRADE STUDENTS IN EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT:
6 A. A LITERACY PROGRAM IN WHICH:
7 (I) ALL STUDENTS ARE ASSESSED ANNUALLY ON THEIR CURRENT LITERACY LEVEL
8 AND PLACED INTO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LITERACY RATE CATEGORIES:
9 (1) ABOVE CURRENT GRADE LEVEL;
10 (2) CURRENT GRADE LEVEL; AND
11 (3) BELOW CURRENT GRADE LEVEL;
12 (II) ANNUALLY, TWO PROPOSED PLANS ARE CREATED TO ASSIST STUDENTS WHO
13 FALL WITHIN THE CURRENT GRADE LEVEL AND BELOW CURRENT GRADE LEVEL LITER-
14 ACY RATE CATEGORIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER LITERACY RATE, INCLUD-
15 ING A LIST OF NECESSARY RESOURCES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT SUCH PLANS.
16 B. A CAREER READINESS PROGRAM IN WHICH:
17 (I) MONTHLY, STUDENTS ARE INTRODUCED TO DIFFERENT OCCUPATIONS AND
18 POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS;
19 (II) ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO GUEST SPEAKERS, CAREER
20 FAIRS AND VISITING APPROVED INDUSTRY SITES; AND
21 (III) THERE IS AN EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE AND ACADEM-
22 IC ACHIEVEMENT TO REACH CAREER GOALS.
23 C. A FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM IN WHICH:
24 (I) THE MAIN GOAL IS FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN HOW TO BECOME FISCALLY
25 RESPONSIBLE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY;

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

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1 (II) MONTHLY SEMINARS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL STUDENTS ON TOPICS
2 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:
3 (1) HOW TO SAVE MONEY;
4 (2) ENTREPRENEURSHIP;
5 (3) OPENING AND MAINTAINING BANKING AND CHECKING ACCOUNTS;
6 (4) DEVELOPING A PERSONAL BUDGET; AND
7 (5) THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPENDING AND DEBT.
8 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.