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Introduced by Sen. PERSAUD -- 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 test preparation programs for certain students

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 55 to read as follows:

55. TEST PREPARATION FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH IN CITIES HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN SUCH CITIES, A TEST PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN THE SEVENTH GRADE HAVING SCORED NO HIGHER THAN A FOUR ON EITHER THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST OR MATHEMATICS TEST ADMINISTERED BY SUCH CITIES AND WHO INTEND TO APPLY TO TAKE THE SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TEST. SUCH TEST PREPARATION SHALL BE OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE DURING THE REGULAR OPERATING HOURS OF THE SCHOOL DAY.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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