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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the state office of religious and independent schools establishment act

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 article 12-B
2 to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 12-B

4 STATE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

5 SECTION 571. SHORT TITLE.

6 572. STATE OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.

7 573. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

8 S 571. SHORT TITLE. THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS
9 THE "STATE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ESTABLISHMENT
10 ACT".

11 S 572. STATE OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS. 1. THE
12 STATE OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED
13 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE AND COORDINATE SERVICES AND ADMINISTER
14 STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND APPROPRIATIONS, AS MAY BE IDENTIFIED BY
15 THE COMMISSIONER, INTENDED FOR THE BENEFIT OF STUDENTS AND PERSONNEL IN
16 RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AND TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND
17 CARRY OUT ANY RESPONSIBILITIES THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE TOWARD RELIGIOUS
18 AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.

19 2. THE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE, SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY
20 TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE ANY GRANTS, AWARDS, APPROPRIATIONS OR OTHER FUNDS
21 AS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE. ALL
22 SUCH FUNDS RECEIVED BY OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT
23 SHALL BE HELD IN A DISTINCT ACCOUNT OR ACCOUNTS ADMINISTERED BY THE
24 DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE.

25 3. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL UTILIZE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRI-
26 ATED OR AUTHORIZED FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF
27 THIS ACT.

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

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1 S 573. RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROMULGATE ANY
2 RULES OR REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTI-
3 CLE.
4 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
5 any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act
6 shall be promulgated and take effect 180 days after such effective date.