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Introduced by M. of A. CERETTO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating the career and practical education pathway to a high school diploma

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 817 to read as follows:

S 817. CAREER AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION PATHWAY TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. 1. A. A CAREER AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION (CPE) PATHWAY TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED. A CPE PATHWAY TO A DIPLOMA, MADE AVAILABLE BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL:

(I) RESULT IN A GENERAL DIPLOMA;

(II) DIFFER FROM THE TRADITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO A GENERAL DIPLOMA WITH RESPECT TO REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW; AND

(III) BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.

B. A CPE PATHWAY TO A DIPLOMA SHALL BE BASED ON A COURSE OF STUDY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND SHALL DEMONSTRATE THAT THE STUDENT IS READY FOR A CAREER AS DETERMINED BY REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS. A CPE PATHWAY TO A DIPLOMA SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(I) COMPLETION OF A CPE COURSE OF STUDY;

(II) COMPLETION OF SCHOOL GIVEN FINAL EXAMS;

(III) COMPLETION OF WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES AS PROVIDED BY THE STATE APPROVED PROGRAM; AND

(IV) COMPLETION OF A WORK-SKILLS EMPLOYABILITY PROFILE.

C. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A CAREER AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, A COURSE OF STUDY IN THE FOLLOWING CAREER FIELDS: AGRICULTURE EDUCATION, BUSINESS AND MARKETING EDUCATION, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS EDUCATION, TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION, PRACTICAL ARTS EDUCATION AND TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

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

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2. THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH REGULATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CREATE THE CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENTS AND ANY OTHER CRITERIA THAT STUDENTS MUST ACHIEVE TO EARN A GENERAL DIPLOMA VIA A CPE PATHWAY.

3. STUDENTS FIRST ENTERING TWELFTH GRADE IN THE TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN SCHOOL YEAR AND THEREAFTER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO EARN A DIPLOMA VIA A CPE PATHWAY.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.