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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:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 817 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 817. CAREER AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION PATHWAY TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLO-
4 MA. 1. A. A CAREER AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION (CPE) PATHWAY TO A HIGH
5 SCHOOL DIPLOMA IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED. A CPE PATHWAY TO A DIPLOMA, MADE
6 AVAILABLE BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL:
7 (I) RESULT IN A GENERAL DIPLOMA;
8 (II) DIFFER FROM THE TRADITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO A GENERAL DIPLOMA
9 WITH RESPECT TO REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY
10 FEDERAL LAW; AND
11 (III) BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING STUDENTS WITH DISA-
12 BILITIES AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.
13 B. A CPE PATHWAY TO A DIPLOMA SHALL BE BASED ON A COURSE OF STUDY
14 DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND
15 SHALL DEMONSTRATE THAT THE STUDENT IS READY FOR A CAREER AS DETERMINED
16 BY REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS. A CPE PATHWAY TO A DIPLOMA SHALL
17 INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:
18 (I) COMPLETION OF A CPE COURSE OF STUDY;
19 (II) COMPLETION OF SCHOOL GIVEN FINAL EXAMS;
20 (III) COMPLETION OF WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES AS PROVIDED BY THE
21 STATE APPROVED PROGRAM; AND
22 (IV) COMPLETION OF A WORK-SKILLS EMPLOYABILITY PROFILE.
23 C. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A CAREER AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION
24 SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, A COURSE OF STUDY IN THE FOLLOWING
25 CAREER FIELDS: AGRICULTURE EDUCATION, BUSINESS AND MARKETING EDUCATION,
26 FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS EDUCATION,
27 TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION, PRACTICAL ARTS EDUCATION AND
28 TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

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

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

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

8 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.