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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the instruc-  
tion of state and local government in elementary and middle schools in  
the state

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 802-b  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 802-B. COURSES OF INSTRUCTION IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. 1. THE  
4     REGENTS SHALL PRESCRIBE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION IN STATE AND LOCAL  
5     GOVERNMENT TO BE MAINTAINED AND FOLLOWED IN ALL OF THE ELEMENTARY AND  
6     MIDDLE SCHOOLS OF THE STATE. THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND TRUSTEES OF THE  
7     SEVERAL CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE SHALL REQUIRE INSTRU-  
8     CTION TO BE GIVEN IN SUCH COURSES, BY THE TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN THE  
9     SCHOOLS THEREIN. ALL PUPILS ATTENDING SUCH SCHOOLS, IN ELEMENTARY AND  
10    MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES, SHALL ATTEND UPON SUCH INSTRUCTION.  
11    2. SIMILAR COURSES OF INSTRUCTION SHALL BE PRESCRIBED AND MAINTAINED  
12    IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE, AND ALL PUPILS IN SUCH SCHOOLS IN  
13    GRADES OR CLASSES CORRESPONDING TO THE INSTRUCTION IN THE ELEMENTARY AND  
14    MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL ATTEND UPON SUCH COUR-  
15    SES. IF SUCH COURSES ARE NOT SO ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED IN A PRIVATE  
16    SCHOOL, ATTENDANCE UPON INSTRUCTION IN SUCH SCHOOL SHALL NOT BE DEEMED  
17    SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO INSTRUCTION GIVEN TO PUPILS IN THE PUBLIC  
18    SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OR DISTRICT IN WHICH SUCH PUPILS RESIDE.  
19    S 2. This act shall take effect twenty-four months after it shall have  
20    become a law; provided, however, that any rules or regulations necessary  
21    for the timely implementation of this act on its effective date shall be  
22    promulgated on or before such date.

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

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