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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 instruction 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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 802-b to read as follows:

S 802-B. COURSES OF INSTRUCTION IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. 1. THE REGENTS SHALL PRESCRIBE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BE MAINTAINED AND FOLLOWED IN ALL OF THE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS OF THE STATE. THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND TRUSTEES OF THE SEVERAL CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE SHALL REQUIRE INSTRUCTION TO BE GIVEN IN SUCH COURSES, BY THE TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN THE SCHOOLS THEREIN. ALL PUPILS ATTENDING SUCH SCHOOLS, IN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES, SHALL ATTEND UPON SUCH INSTRUCTION.

2. SIMILAR COURSES OF INSTRUCTION SHALL BE PRESCRIBED AND MAINTAINED IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE, AND ALL PUPILS IN SUCH SCHOOLS IN GRADES OR CLASSES CORRESPONDING TO THE INSTRUCTION IN THE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL ATTEND UPON SUCH COURSES. IF SUCH COURSES ARE NOT SO ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL, ATTENDANCE UPON INSTRUCTION IN SUCH SCHOOL SHALL NOT BE DEEMED SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO INSTRUCTION GIVEN TO PUPILS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OR DISTRICT IN WHICH SUCH PUPILS RESIDE.

S 2. This act shall take effect twenty-four months after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that any rules or regulations necessary for the timely implementation of this act on its effective date shall be 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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