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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the establishment of a comprehensive career readiness program for third grade students

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 53 to read as follows:

53. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO THIRD GRADE STUDENTS IN EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

A. A LITERACY PROGRAM IN WHICH:

(I) ALL STUDENTS ARE ASSESSED ANNUALLY ON THEIR CURRENT LITERACY LEVEL AND PLACED INTO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LITERACY RATE CATEGORIES:

(1) ABOVE CURRENT GRADE LEVEL;

(2) CURRENT GRADE LEVEL; AND

(3) BELOW CURRENT GRADE LEVEL;

(II) ANNUALLY, TWO PROPOSED PLANS ARE CREATED TO ASSIST STUDENTS WHO FALL WITHIN THE CURRENT GRADE LEVEL AND BELOW CURRENT GRADE LEVEL LITERACY RATE CATEGORIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER LITERACY RATE, INCLUDING A LIST OF NECESSARY RESOURCES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT SUCH PLANS.

B. A CAREER READINESS PROGRAM IN WHICH:

(I) MONTHLY, STUDENTS ARE INTRODUCED TO DIFFERENT OCCUPATIONS AND POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS;

(II) ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO GUEST SPEAKERS, CAREER FAIRS AND VISITING APPROVED INDUSTRY SITES; AND

(III) THERE IS AN EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TO REACH CAREER GOALS.

C. A FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM IN WHICH:

(I) THE MAIN GOAL IS FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN HOW TO BECOME FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY;

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

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(II) MONTHLY SEMINARS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL STUDENTS ON TOPICS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

(1) HOW TO SAVE MONEY;

(2) ENTREPRENEURSHIP;

(3) OPENING AND MAINTAINING BANKING AND CHECKING ACCOUNTS;

(4) DEVELOPING A PERSONAL BUDGET; AND

(5) THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPENDING AND DEBT.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.