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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:

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

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

6 A. A LITERACY PROGRAM IN WHICH:

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

9 (1) ABOVE CURRENT GRADE LEVEL;

10 (2) CURRENT GRADE LEVEL; AND

11 (3) BELOW CURRENT GRADE LEVEL;

12 (II) ANNUALLY, TWO PROPOSED PLANS ARE CREATED TO ASSIST STUDENTS WHO  
13 FALL WITHIN THE CURRENT GRADE LEVEL AND BELOW CURRENT GRADE LEVEL LITER-  
14 ACY RATE CATEGORIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER LITERACY RATE, INCLUD-  
15 ING A LIST OF NECESSARY RESOURCES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT SUCH PLANS.

16 B. A CAREER READINESS PROGRAM IN WHICH:

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

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

21 (III) THERE IS AN EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE AND ACADEM-  
22 IC ACHIEVEMENT TO REACH CAREER GOALS.

23 C. A FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM IN WHICH:

24 (I) THE MAIN GOAL IS FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN HOW TO BECOME FISCALLY  
25 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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1 (II) MONTHLY SEMINARS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL STUDENTS ON TOPICS  
2 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:  
3 (1) HOW TO SAVE MONEY;  
4 (2) ENTREPRENEURSHIP;  
5 (3) OPENING AND MAINTAINING BANKING AND CHECKING ACCOUNTS;  
6 (4) DEVELOPING A PERSONAL BUDGET; AND  
7 (5) THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPENDING AND DEBT.  
8 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.