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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the state office of religious and independent schools establishment act

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 article 12-B  
2     to read as follows:

3     ARTICLE 12-B

4                     STATE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

5     SECTION 571. SHORT TITLE.

6                     572. STATE OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.

7                     573. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

8     S 571. SHORT TITLE. THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS  
9     THE "STATE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ESTABLISHMENT  
10    ACT".

11    S 572. STATE OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS. 1. THE  
12    STATE OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED  
13    WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE AND COORDINATE SERVICES AND ADMINISTER  
14    STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND APPROPRIATIONS, AS MAY BE IDENTIFIED BY  
15    THE COMMISSIONER, INTENDED FOR THE BENEFIT OF STUDENTS AND PERSONNEL IN  
16    RELIGIOUS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AND TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND  
17    CARRY OUT ANY RESPONSIBILITIES THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE TOWARD RELIGIOUS  
18    AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.

19    2. THE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE, SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY  
20    TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE ANY GRANTS, AWARDS, APPROPRIATIONS OR OTHER FUNDS  
21    AS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE. ALL  
22    SUCH FUNDS RECEIVED BY OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT  
23    SHALL BE HELD IN A DISTINCT ACCOUNT OR ACCOUNTS ADMINISTERED BY THE  
24    DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE.

25    3. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL UTILIZE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRI-  
26    ATED OR AUTHORIZED FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF  
27    THIS ACT.

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

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1 S 573. RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROMULGATE ANY  
2 RULES OR REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTI-  
3 CLE.  
4 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
5 any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act  
6 shall be promulgated and take effect 180 days after such effective date.