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Introduced by Sens. AVELLA, ADDABBO, SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring public schools to incorporate instruction in Indian Subcontinent/Indo-Caribbean studies into the existing curriculum

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 section 801-b
2 to read as follows:
3 S 801-B. EDUCATION REGARDING INDIAN SUBCONTINENT/INDO-CARIBBEAN
4 STUDIES. 1. ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO INCLUDE, AS AN
5 INTEGRAL PART OF SOCIAL STUDIES OR LITERATURE, INSTRUCTION REGARDING
6 INDIAN SUBCONTINENT/INDO-CARIBBEAN STUDIES. THE CONTENT MAY BE VARIED TO
7 MEET THE NEEDS OF PARTICULAR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND
8 NEED NOT BE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.
9 2. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "INDIAN SUBCONTINENT/INDO-CARIBBEAN
10 STUDIES" MEANS EDUCATION REGARDING THE HISTORY, LITERATURE AND/OR
11 CULTURE OF GROUPS OF PERSONS HAVING ORIGINS IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT.
12 3. THE REGENTS SHALL DETERMINE HOW TO INCORPORATE SUCH COMPONENT IN
13 EXISTING CURRICULA AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE ANY REGULATIONS
14 NEEDED TO CARRY OUT SUCH DETERMINATION OF THE REGENTS AND TO ESTABLISH A
15 CURRICULUM FOR INSTRUCTION IN INDIAN SUBCONTINENT/INDO-CARIBBEAN STUDIES
16 TO BE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
17 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all
18 school years commencing on or after July 1, 2017.

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

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