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Introduced by Sen. MARCELLINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and
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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing Earth day

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 810 of the education law, as amended by chapter 616
2 of the laws of 1969 and subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 96 of the
3 laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 810. [~~Conservation~~] Earth day. [~~1. The last Friday in April each~~
5 ~~year is hereby made and declared to be known as Conservation day, and~~
6 ~~observed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, except that~~
7 ~~for the year nineteen hundred seventy eight, Conservation day shall be~~
8 ~~May third.~~

9 ~~2. It shall be the duty of the authorities of every public school in~~
10 ~~this state to assemble the pupils in their charge on that day in the~~
11 ~~school building, or elsewhere, as they may deem proper, and to provide~~
12 ~~for and conduct (1) such exercises as shall tend to encourage the plant-~~
13 ~~ing, protection and preservation of trees and shrubs, and an acquaint-~~
14 ~~ance with the best methods to be adopted to accomplish such results, and~~
15 ~~(2) such lectures, pictures or tours, as shall tend to increase the~~
16 ~~interest and knowledge of such pupils in the fish and wild life, soil~~
17 ~~and water of the state.~~

18 ~~3. The commissioner of education may prescribe from time to time a~~
19 ~~course of exercises and instruction in the subjects hereinbefore~~
20 ~~mentioned, which shall be adopted and observed by the public school~~
21 ~~authorities on Conservation day. Upon receipt of copies of such course~~
22 ~~sufficient in number to supply all the schools under their supervision,~~
23 ~~the school authorities aforesaid shall promptly provide each of the~~
24 ~~schools under their charge with a copy, and cause it to be observed]~~
25 Annually, it shall be the duty of the authorities of every public school
26 in this state to observe Earth day as they may deem proper and to
27 encourage instruction on the earth's natural environment as appropriate.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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