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Introduced by Sens. FELDER, HELMING, RITCHIE -- 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 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a career and technical education diploma

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 817 to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 817. Career and technical education pathway to a high school diploma.  
4 1. a. A career and technical education (hereinafter referred to in  
5 this section as CTE) pathway to a high school diploma is hereby estab-  
6 lished. A CTE pathway to a diploma shall:

7 (i) result in a regents or local diploma;

8 (ii) differ from the traditional requirements to a regents or local  
9 diploma with respect to required assessments;

10 (iii) be made available to all students, including, but not limited to  
11 students with disabilities.

12 b. A CTE pathway to a diploma shall be based on curriculum and train-  
13 ing designed to provide students with career, trade and technical skills  
14 and shall demonstrate that the student is ready for a career or trade as  
15 determined by regulations of the commissioner. A CTE pathway to a diplo-  
16 ma shall include, but not be limited to:

17 (i) completion of a CTE sequence provided and administered by a busi-  
18 ness practicing a particular trade or career, by a board of cooperative  
19 educational services or any secondary education program approved by the  
20 commissioner or by an institution of higher education;

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

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1 (ii) completion of work-based learning experiences as provided by the  
2 approved program; and

3 (iii) completion of a work-skills employability profile.

4 c. For purposes of this section, a career and technical education  
5 shall include, but not be limited to, courses of study in the following  
6 career fields: agriculture education, business and marketing education,  
7 family and consumer sciences education, health occupations education,  
8 technical education, technology education, and trade and industrial  
9 education.

10 2. The regents, in consultation with trade and professional organiza-  
11 tions, shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to estab-  
12 lish the curriculum, assessments and any other criteria that students  
13 must achieve to earn a regents or local diploma via a CTE pathway.

14 3. Students who entered high school in the two thousand eighteen--two  
15 thousand nineteen school year and thereafter shall be eligible to earn a  
16 diploma via a CTE pathway.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that effective  
18 immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regu-  
19 lation necessary for the timely implementation of this act on its effec-  
20 tive date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or  
21 before such effective date.