STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 9, 2017

Introduced by Sen. JACOBS -- 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 instruction in cursive writing and memorization of multiplication tables as part of the basic education program

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding two new sections 817 and 818 to read as follows:

§ 817. Courses of instruction in cursive writing. The standard course of study shall include the requirement that public schools provide instruction in cursive writing so that students create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth grade.

§ 818. Instruction relating to multiplication tables. The standard course of study shall include the requirement that students enrolled in public schools memorize multiplication tables to demonstrate competency in efficiently multiplying numbers.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to school years commencing on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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