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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HAMILTON -- 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 instruction in black history

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 § 801-b. Instruction in black history. In a city having a population  
4 of one million or more people the regents shall ensure that the course  
5 of instruction in grades kindergarten through twelve includes a compo-  
6 nent of black history. The regents shall determine how to incorporate  
7 such component in existing curricula and the commissioner shall promul-  
8 gate any regulations needed to carry out such determination of the  
9 regents. For the purposes of this section, black history shall include,  
10 but not be limited to the women's abolitionist movement, Shirley Chish-  
11 olm, David Dinkins, the Harlem renaissance, the Buffalo anti-slavery  
12 conference held in eighteen forty-three and the suffrage movement for  
13 African American Long Islanders.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
15 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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