

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SEAWRIGHT -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring LGBT aware-  
ness curriculum or instruction

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 804-e  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 804-e. LGBT awareness curriculum or instruction. 1. The commission-  
4 er, in consultation with any appropriate agency, shall establish curric-  
5 ulum or instruction for school districts in the historical treatment of  
6 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender non-conforming individ-  
7 uals. The contents may be varied to meet the needs of particular school  
8 districts, or portions thereof, and need not be uniform throughout the  
9 state. The content shall be age appropriate and shall be developed  
10 according to the needs and abilities of pupils at successive grade  
11 levels in order to provide information, skills, and understanding of the  
12 historical treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender  
13 non-conforming individuals.

14 2. Schools may include the above materials as a component of its  
15 social studies curriculum or any other way the school deems appropriate.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020 and shall apply to school  
17 years commencing on or after such date. Effective immediately, the addi-  
18 tion, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for  
19 the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and  
20 directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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