STATE OF NEW YORK

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a school voter registration access 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 a new article 25 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 25

SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION ACCESS

Section 1301. School voter registration access.

§ 1301. School voter registration access. Each school district, board of cooperative educational services, charter school, and non-public school shall adopt a policy to promote student voter registration and pre-registration pursuant to chapter two of the laws of two thousand nineteen. Such policy shall, in accordance with the provisions of this article, require all schools operated by such school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, charter schools, and non-public schools serving any or all of grades ten, eleven, and twelve to make available access to voter registration and pre-registration applications during the school year for the purposes of educating students about the voting enrollment process and providing eligible students with the opportunity to register or pre-register to vote as applicable. Such policy shall include procedures for acquiring and transmitting voter registration and pre-registration applications to and from the local board of elections and dissemination among their appropriate schools, methods of regular communication with eligible students on the availability of such applications and their right to register or pre-register to vote and may include collaboration with local boards of elections and outside organizations to assist in making available voter registration and pre-registration applications in any school serving any or all of

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

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grades ten, eleven, and twelve. Completion and submission of voter registration or pre-registration forms shall not be a course requirement or graded assignment for students. Local boards of elections shall comply with requests from school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, charter schools, and non-public schools to transmit the requested number of registration and pre-registration applications in such manner as requested.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020. Effective immediately the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such date.