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## IN ASSEMBLY

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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:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new article 25 to  
2 read as follows:

### ARTICLE 25

#### SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION ACCESS

##### Section 1301. School voter registration access.

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6 § 1301. School voter registration access. Each school district, board  
7 of cooperative educational services, charter school, and non-public  
8 school shall adopt a policy to promote student voter registration and  
9 pre-registration pursuant to chapter two of the laws of two thousand  
10 nineteen. Such policy shall, in accordance with the provisions of this  
11 article, require all schools operated by such school districts, boards  
12 of cooperative educational services, charter schools, and non-public  
13 schools serving any or all of grades ten, eleven, and twelve to make  
14 available access to voter registration and pre-registration applications  
15 during the school year for the purposes of educating students about the  
16 voting enrollment process and providing eligible students with the  
17 opportunity to register or pre-register to vote as applicable. Such  
18 policy shall include procedures for acquiring and transmitting voter  
19 registration and pre-registration applications to and from the local  
20 board of elections and dissemination among their appropriate schools,  
21 methods of regular communication with eligible students on the avail-  
22 ability of such applications and their right to register or pre-register  
23 to vote and may include collaboration with local boards of elections and  
24 outside organizations to assist in making available voter registration  
25 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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1 grades ten, eleven, and twelve. Completion and submission of voter  
2 registration or pre-registration forms shall not be a course requirement  
3 or graded assignment for students. Local boards of elections shall  
4 comply with requests from school districts, boards of cooperative educa-  
5 tional services, charter schools, and non-public schools to transmit the  
6 requested number of registration and pre-registration applications in  
7 such manner as requested.

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