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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commissioner of education to convene statewide and regional conventions to bring together underrepresented educators

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 section 115 to read as follows:

§ 115. Underrepresented educators convention. 1. For purposes of this section, "underrepresented educators" shall mean teachers or administrators who currently participate or previously participated in a school district or post-secondary partnership as part of a Grow Your Own initiative, My Brother's Keeper, teacher opportunity corps program, higher education opportunity program, education opportunity program, or any other similar program or initiative.

2. (a) The commissioner shall annually convene a statewide convention to bring together underrepresented educators to discuss experiences, best practices, and afford for networking, mentorship opportunities, and support. Such convention shall occur at a time and location chosen by the commissioner.

(b) The commissioner shall also provide for at least five regional conventions annually to bring together underrepresented educators within each geographic region of the state to discuss experiences, best practices, and afford for networking, mentorship opportunities, and support. Such conventions shall occur at a time and location chosen by the commissioner.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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