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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- 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 establishing a maximum temperature in school buildings and indoor facilities

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 409-m
2 to read as follows:

3 § 409-m. Maximum temperatures in school buildings and facilities. All
4 common, union free, central, central high schools, city school districts
5 and boards of cooperative educational services shall develop a policy
6 for ensuring the health and safety of students and faculty on extreme
7 heat condition days. For the purpose of this section, extreme heat
8 condition days shall be defined as days when the occupiable educational
9 and support services spaces are found to be eighty-two degrees or great-
10 er Fahrenheit. For the purpose of this section, room temperature shall
11 be measured at a shaded location, three feet above the floor near the
12 center of the room. Schools shall be required to take action to relieve
13 heat related discomfort when the occupied space temperature reaches
14 eighty-two degrees Fahrenheit. Educational and support services spaces
15 cannot be occupied if room temperature reaches eighty-eight degrees
16 Fahrenheit.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
18 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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