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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. JACOBS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT authorizing and directing the commissioner of education and the regents of the university of the state of New York to study and improve Holocaust education within the state

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

Section 1. The commissioner of education is authorized and directed to:

(a) provide outreach, and additional resources to school districts across the state concerning course work, instruction, and curriculum related to the Holocaust;

(b) make funds available via grants to school districts for guest speakers, events, lectures, field trips, and other items related to enhancing education concerning the Holocaust;

(c) engage in a public education campaign relating to the Holocaust;

(d) conduct a study to determine the general public's knowledge and understanding concerning the events of the Holocaust and issue a report detailing such findings and recommendations concerning the citizenry's familiarity with the facts and history surrounding the Holocaust. The commissioner shall issue such report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly by the first of January following the effective date of this act;

(e) conduct a study regarding courses of study on the Holocaust in educational institutions within the state. Such study shall focus on identifying whether school districts are providing a course of study or instruction on the Holocaust. A report of the findings of such study and recommendations of the commissioner of education shall be delivered to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of

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

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the assembly by the first of January following the effective date of this act; and

(f) promulgate regulations to ensure instruction on the Holocaust is provided in schools in compliance with section 801 of the education law.

§ 2. The board of regents of the university of the state of New York is authorized and directed to:

(a) update the prescribed courses for Holocaust education as required by section 801 of the education law; and

(b) fully fund the republication of volumes I and II of the "Teaching About The Holocaust and Genocide" text books, and make available for distribution to all school districts in New York.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.