

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 10, 2020

Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- 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 an educational program related to the prevention of anti-Semitism and discrimination based on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender identity

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

1 Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 59 to read as follows:

3 59. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and
4 subject to an appropriation, the department shall contract with an
5 outside entity who has expertise in the prevention of anti-Semitism and
6 discrimination based on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender
7 identity to establish an anti-Semitism and discrimination prevention and
8 education program overseen by such department. The commissioner shall
9 work with such outside entity, to establish and develop an educational
10 program within such department related to the prevention of anti-Semi-
11 tism and discrimination based on religion, race, sexual orientation or
12 gender identity in grades kindergarten through twelve. Such program
13 shall be further defined by such commissioner in regulation and shall be
14 designed to educate students, parents and school personnel about the
15 prevention of anti-Semitism and discrimination based on religion, race,
16 sexual orientation or gender identity. Such commissioner, in collab-
17 oration with any other stakeholder groups deemed appropriate by such
18 commissioner, shall develop:

19 a. the anti-Semitism and discrimination prevention and education
20 program prepared by an outside expert organization into age-appropriate
21 model curriculum resources, including exemplar lesson plans, and best
22 practice instructional resources for students, parents and school
23 personnel designed to prevent anti-Semitism and discrimination based on
24 religion, race, sexual orientation or gender identity. Such model
25 curriculum, resources, lesson plans and instructional resources shall
26 include but not be limited to guidelines and methods of prevention,
27 indicators and warning signs of anti-Semitism and discrimination based

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

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1 on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender identity, guidelines and
2 methods to prevent anti-Semitism and discrimination based on religion,
3 race, sexual orientation or gender identity and how to report complaints
4 of anti-Semitism and discrimination based on religion, race, sexual
5 orientation or gender identity. Such model curriculum shall be made
6 available to school boards, school superintendents, their equivalents,
7 and teachers for voluntary implementation in social studies classes and
8 in social studies coursework;

9 b. instructional tools and materials for students, parents and school
10 personnel, which shall include updated information on how to report
11 incidents of anti-Semitism and discrimination based on religion, race,
12 sexual orientation or gender identity, with a review of such information
13 to occur periodically, at intervals deemed appropriate by such commis-
14 sioner; and

15 c. public availability of all materials related to the anti-Semitism
16 and discrimination prevention and education program on such department's
17 website in Spanish, Creole, Mandarin, Korean, Bengali and any other
18 language predominantly spoken by the population of the state.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
20 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the
21 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
22 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
23 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.