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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KAPLAN, GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing an educational program related to the prevention of anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim bias and discrimination based on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression

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,
6 anti-Muslim bias and discrimination based on religion, race, sexual
7 orientation or gender identity or expression to establish an anti-Semi-
8 tism, anti-Muslim bias and discrimination prevention and education
9 program overseen by such department. The commissioner shall work with
10 such outside entity, to establish and develop an educational program
11 within such department related to the prevention of anti-Semitism, anti-
12 Muslim bias and discrimination based on religion, race, sexual orien-
13 tation or gender identity or expression in grades kindergarten through
14 twelve. Such program shall be further defined by such commissioner in
15 regulation and shall be designed to educate students, parents and school
16 personnel about the prevention of anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim bias and
17 discrimination based on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender
18 identity or expression. Such commissioner, in collaboration with any
19 other stakeholder groups deemed appropriate by such commissioner, shall
20 develop:

21 a. the anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim bias and discrimination prevention
22 and education program prepared by an outside expert organization into
23 age-appropriate model curriculum resources, including exemplar lesson

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

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1 plans, and best practice instructional resources for students, parents
2 and school personnel designed to prevent anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim bias
3 and discrimination based on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender
4 identity or expression. Such model curriculum, resources, lesson plans
5 and instructional resources shall include but not be limited to guide-
6 lines and methods of prevention, indicators and warning signs of anti-
7 Semitism, anti-Muslim bias and discrimination based on religion, race,
8 sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, guidelines and
9 methods to prevent anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim bias and discrimination
10 based on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender identity or
11 expression and how to report complaints of anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim
12 bias and discrimination based on religion, race, sexual orientation or
13 gender identity or expression. Such model curriculum shall be made
14 available to school boards, school superintendents, their equivalents,
15 and teachers for voluntary implementation in social studies classes and
16 in social studies coursework;

17 b. instructional tools and materials for students, parents and school
18 personnel, which shall include updated information on how to report
19 incidents of anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim bias and discrimination based on
20 religion, race, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression,
21 with a review of such information to occur periodically, at intervals
22 deemed appropriate by such commissioner; and

23 c. public availability of all materials related to the anti-Semitism,
24 anti-Muslim bias and discrimination prevention and education program on
25 such department's website in Spanish, Creole, Mandarin, Korean, Bengali
26 and any other language predominantly spoken by the population of the
27 state.

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