

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 requiring hate crime awareness curriculum or instruction for school districts

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 804-e
2 to read as follows:

3 § 804-e. Hate crime awareness curriculum or instruction. 1. The
4 commissioner, in consultation with the division of human rights and any
5 other appropriate agency, shall establish hate crime awareness curric-
6 ulum or instruction for school districts, including, but not limited to,
7 instruction on what discrimination and religious intolerance, including
8 anti-Semitism, might look like as well as the positive actions students
9 can take to promote acceptance, inclusion, and the diversity of their
10 communities. The content of such curriculum or instruction may be
11 varied to meet the needs of particular school districts, or portions
12 thereof, and need not be uniform throughout the state. The content of
13 such curriculum or instruction shall be age appropriate and shall be
14 developed according to the needs and abilities of pupils at successive
15 grade levels in order to provide skills, information, and guidance to
16 aid in hate crime awareness.

17 2. Schools may include the curriculum or instruction required by this
18 section as a component of its social studies curriculum or in any other
19 manner the school deems appropriate.

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

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

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