

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 3, 2020

Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- 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 directing the commissioner of education to convene statewide and regional conventions to bring together underrepresented educators

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 115 to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 115. Underrepresented educators convention. 1. For purposes of this  
4 section, "underrepresented educators" shall mean teachers or administra-  
5 tors who currently participate or previously participated in a school  
6 district or post-secondary partnership as part of a Grow Your Own initi-  
7 ative, My Brother's Keeper, teacher opportunity corps program, higher  
8 education opportunity program, education opportunity program, or any  
9 other similar program or initiative.

10 2. (a) The commissioner shall annually convene a statewide convention  
11 to bring together underrepresented educators to discuss experiences,  
12 best practices, and afford for networking, mentorship opportunities, and  
13 support. Such convention shall occur at a time and location chosen by  
14 the commissioner.

15 (b) The commissioner shall also provide for at least five regional  
16 conventions annually to bring together underrepresented educators within  
17 each geographic region of the state to discuss experiences, best prac-  
18 tices, and afford for networking, mentorship opportunities, and support.  
19 Such conventions shall occur at a time and location chosen by the  
20 commissioner.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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