

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GLICK, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to expanding the requirements for teaching humane education to secondary school students and provides for the verification of compliance of such instruction

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 809 of the education law, as amended by chapter 542 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

1. a. The officer, board or commission authorized or required to prescribe courses of instruction shall cause instruction to be given in every elementary school under state control or supported wholly or partly by public money of the state, in the humane treatment and protection of animals and the importance of the part they play in the economy of nature as well as the necessity of controlling the proliferation of animals which are subsequently abandoned and caused to suffer extreme cruelty. Such instruction shall be for such period of time during each school year as the board of regents may prescribe and may be joined with work in literature, reading, language, nature study or ethnology. Such weekly instruction may be divided into two or more periods.

b. The officer, board, or commission authorized or required to prescribe courses of instruction shall cause instruction to be given in every secondary school under state control or supported wholly or partly by public money of the state, in the humane treatment and protection of animals and the importance of the part they play in the economy of nature as well as the necessity of controlling the proliferation of animals which are subsequently abandoned and caused to suffer extreme

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

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1 cruelty. Such instruction shall include educating students on the prin-  
2 ciples of kindness to and respect for animals and observance of laws and  
3 rules pertaining to the humane treatment of animals. The commissioner  
4 shall determine how to incorporate such instruction in existing curric-  
5 ula and the commissioner shall promulgate any regulations needed to  
6 carry out such determination.

7 c. A school district shall not be entitled to participate in the  
8 public school money on account of any school or the attendance at any  
9 school subject to the provisions of this section, if the instruction  
10 required [~~hereby~~] pursuant to this section is not given therein.

11 § 2. Section 809 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
12 subdivision 7 to read as follows:

13 7. Compliance records. The commissioner shall maintain records verify-  
14 ing school compliance with the provisions of this section and shall make  
15 such information available to the public, including on its website.

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