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Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- 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 LGBT awareness curriculum or instruction

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 804-e to read as follows:

§ 804-e. LGBT awareness curriculum or instruction. 1. The commissioner, in consultation with any appropriate agency, shall establish curriculum or instruction for school districts in the historical treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. The contents may be varied to meet the needs of particular school districts, or portions thereof, and need not be uniform throughout the state. The content shall be age appropriate and shall be developed according to the needs and abilities of pupils at successive grade levels in order to provide information, skills, and understanding of the historical treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals.

2. Schools may include the above materials as a component of its social studies curriculum or any other way the school deems appropriate.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020 and shall apply to school years commencing on or after such date. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed 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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