

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

20 a. the anti-Semitism and discrimination prevention and education
21 program prepared by an outside expert organization into age-appropriate
22 model curriculum resources, including exemplar lesson plans, and best
23 practice instructional resources for students, parents and school
24 personnel designed to prevent anti-Semitism and discrimination based on

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

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1 religion, race, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.
2 Such model curriculum, resources, lesson plans and instructional
3 resources shall include but not be limited to guidelines and methods of
4 prevention, indicators and warning signs of anti-Semitism and discrimi-
5 nation based on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender identity or
6 expression, guidelines and methods to prevent anti-Semitism and discrim-
7 ination based on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender identity
8 or expression and how to report complaints of anti-Semitism and discrim-
9 ination based on religion, race, sexual orientation or gender identity
10 or expression. Such model curriculum shall be made available to school
11 boards, school superintendents, their equivalents, and teachers for
12 voluntary implementation in social studies classes and in social studies
13 coursework;

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

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

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