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Introduced by M. of A. KIM -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring a course of study to teach the history of Yu Gwan-Sun and the March 1st movement of Korea

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Yu Gwan-Sun's Law".

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 803-c to read as follows:

§ 803-c. Courses of study to teach the life and history of Yu Gwan-Sun and the independence movement of March first, nineteen hundred nineteen against Japanese colonial rule of Korea. 1. All pupils in grades nine through twelve in all public schools in the state shall receive instruction on the importance of Yu Gwan-Sun and her contribution as a globally recognized human rights activist. Such program shall be defined by the commissioner in regulations and be designed to educate students, parents and school personnel about the importance of recognizing, celebrating and teaching female human rights activists from diverse backgrounds in grades nine through twelve. Such program shall include, but not be limited to students and parents. Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from making model curriculum and resource materials available on the department's website.

2. The commissioner may provide technical assistance to assist in the development of curricula for such courses of study which shall be age appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of pupils at successive grade levels in order to provide awareness and skills.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. 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 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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