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IN SENATE

April 18, 2022

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 a course of study in the awareness and prevention of human trafficking

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 803-c to read as follows:

§ 803-c. Courses of study in awareness and prevention of human trafficking. 1. All pupils in grades K-12 in all public schools in the state shall receive instruction designed to educate, empower and warn students about the signs of human trafficking. Such program shall be defined by the commissioner in regulations after consultation with the division of criminal justice services and be designed to educate students, parents and school personnel about the signs of human trafficking. 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, skills, information, self-confidence and support to aid in the prevention of human trafficking.

§ 2. 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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