STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 29, 2022

Introduced by Sens. LIU, JACKSON -- 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 that instruction in public schools aligned to the Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework

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 801-b to read as follows:

§ 801-b. Instruction related to Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education. 1. Instruction aligned to the Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education (CRSE) Framework is required for all pupils in public schools in order to affirm cultural identities; foster positive academic outcomes; develop students' abilities to connect across lines of difference; elevate historically marginalized voices; and contribute to individual student engagement, learning, growth, and achievement through the cultivation of critical thinking.

2. Subject to ongoing appropriation, the commissioner shall update learning standards on an ongoing basis and provide technical assistance and resources to aid public schools in providing such instruction which shall include but not be limited to: the history of diverse groups across race, social, class, gender, language, sexual orientation, nationality, religion and ability; the history and civic impact of Asian American, America's Indigenous Peoples, African American, Muslim American, Hispanic, Latinx and Caribbean Americans, and the Holocaust.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on September 1, 2023. 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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