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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring instruction on vaccine science in every middle school and every high school

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 805 to read as follows:

§ 805. Instruction in vaccine science. 1. Every middle school and every high school shall include age-appropriate instruction on vaccine science as an integral part of the required curriculum for health education.

2. The commissioner shall prescribe such rules and regulations regarding instruction on vaccine science as the commissioner may deem necessary and desirable for the health and welfare of pupils and the community, which shall include but not be limited to, instruction on the history and development of vaccines, the effect of vaccines on the immune system, diseases that are preventable by vaccines and the spread of such diseases, and vaccine safety and testing. The contents may be varied to meet the needs of particular school districts, or portions thereof, and need not be uniform throughout the state, provided, however, that school districts shall utilize either the curriculum for vaccine science instruction prescribed by the commissioner or a course approved by the commissioner in accordance with criteria established by the commissioner.

3. School authorities shall provide the needed facilities, time and place for the instruction set forth in this section and shall provide learning aids and curriculum resource materials which contribute to effective teaching methods and learning in vaccine science.

§ 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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