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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. COLTON, DAVILA, REYES, EPSTEIN, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring instruction in Asian American and Pacific Islander history

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 801-b
2 to read as follows:

3 § 801-b. Instruction in Asian American and Pacific Islander history.
4 1. Commencing with the two thousand twenty-four--two thousand twenty-
5 five school year, every public elementary school and high school shall
6 include as a required curriculum in each grade kindergarten through
7 twelfth grade a unit of instruction covering events of Asian American
8 and Pacific Islander history.

9 2. Instruction required by this section shall include but not be
10 limited to the following:

11 a. the history of Asian American and Pacific Islanders in New York
12 including their accomplishments in music, the arts, financial enter-
13 prise, government, science and culture;

14 b. the history of Asian Americans and their role in the construction
15 of the Continental Railroad; and

16 c. the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders to the
17 cultural, political, social and economic development of the United
18 States.

19 3. a. The commissioner shall provide assistance in developing age-ap-
20 propriate curriculum for each grade.

21 b. The regents shall adopt rules for the curriculum course required
22 to effectuate such courses of studies as an appropriate part of the
23 curriculum for Asian American and Pacific Islander studies.

24 4. The commissioner shall make available to all public schools suit-
25 able educational materials to effectuate the purposes of this section in

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

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1 Asian American and Pacific Islanders studies and shall make rules and
2 regulations governing such courses of study.

3 5. The commissioner shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
4 of this section.

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