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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN, CARROLL, SIMON, WALKER, REYES -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. WALLACE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to mandating sex education in elementary and high schools

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 817 to read as follows:

§ 817. Comprehensive sex education. 1. The commissioner, working in consultation with the commissioners of health and mental health, shall create and establish a comprehensive, medically accurate and age appropriate sex education curriculum which shall be taught in grades one through twelve in all public and charter schools. Such curriculum shall be ready for use within one year of the effective date of this section.

2. The chancellor of the New York city school system, or a board of education may adopt their own curriculum upon approval of the commissioner, provided, however, that the commissioner shall not approve any curriculum which does not substantially comply with the curriculum created pursuant to subdivision one of this section.

3. Schools shall begin teaching the curriculum established pursuant to this section in the first school year following certification by the commissioner that such curriculum has been established.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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