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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:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 803-c
2 to read as follows:

3 § 803-c. Courses of study in awareness and prevention of human traf-
4 ficking. 1. All pupils in grades K-12 in all public schools in the state
5 shall receive instruction designed to educate, empower and warn students
6 about the signs of human trafficking. Such program shall be defined by
7 the commissioner in regulations after consultation with the division of
8 criminal justice services and be designed to educate students, parents
9 and school personnel about the signs of human trafficking. Such program
10 shall include, but not be limited to students and parents. Nothing in
11 this section shall prevent the department from making model curriculum
12 and resource materials available on the department's website.

13 2. The commissioner may provide technical assistance to assist in the
14 development of curricula for such courses of study which shall be age
15 appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of pupils
16 at successive grade levels in order to provide awareness, skills, infor-
17 mation, self-confidence and support to aid in the prevention of human
18 trafficking.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
20 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the
21 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
22 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
23 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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