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AN ACT authorizing and directing the commissioner of education to
conduct a study regarding ecological literacy and healthy living
curriculum in schools, and to provide recommendations

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

1 Section 1. The commissioner of education is authorized and directed to
2 conduct a study regarding ecological literacy and healthy living curric-
3 ulum within the state. For purposes of this act, the term "qualified
4 institution" shall mean every public and private school in New York
5 state that instructs any students in grades kindergarten through twelve.
6 Such study shall focus on the availability of such curriculum at all
7 qualified institutions, and shall include but not be limited to:

8 1. a description of all offered ecological literacy and healthy living
9 related classes;

10 2. the academic year ecological literacy and healthy living instruc-
11 tion becomes available at each qualifying institution and a description
12 of its specific form;

13 3. the existence of any specific ecological literacy and healthy
14 living program at each qualifying institution and what such program
15 includes; and

16 4. all ecological literacy and healthy living extracurricular activ-
17 ities offered.

18 § 2. A report of the findings of such study and recommendations of the
19 commissioner of education shall be delivered to the governor, the tempo-
20 rary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority
21 leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly within one
22 year of the effective date of this act.

23 § 3. 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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