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Introduced by Sens. BAILEY, RIVERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

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

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

2. the academic year ecological literacy and healthy living instruction becomes available at each qualifying institution and a description of its specific form;

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

4. all ecological literacy and healthy living extracurricular activities offered.

§ 2. A report of the findings of such study and recommendations of the commissioner of education shall be delivered to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly within one year of the effective date of this act.

§ 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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