STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 20, 2023

Introduced by Sen. LIU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on New York City Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to allowing for an alternated holiday for pupils in all public schools in the borough of Brooklyn or in the borough of Queens

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

Section 1. Section 2586 of the education law, as amended by chapter 437 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2586. Anniversary day as a holiday for pupils in the public schools of the borough of Brooklyn and in the borough of Queens, city of New York. **1.** The first Thursday in June in each year, except in those years when the first Thursday in June occurs in the same week with Memorial day, and in such years the second Thursday in June, known as anniversary day, and celebrated in commemoration of the organization of Sunday schools, is hereby made and declared to be a holiday for pupils in all the public schools in the borough of Brooklyn and in the borough of Queens, city of New York, and pupils shall not be required to attend the public schools in such boroughs on such day.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this section, the chancellor may require pupils in the public schools in the borough of Brooklyn and in the borough of Queens to attend school on anniversary day, but must declare a public school holiday for all pupils in the city of New York on an alternate date in the same school year to allow for the celebration of a significant cultural or religious holiday including Diwali, Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Asian Lunar New Year, Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur or any other religious or cultural holiday which is celebrated by a significant portion of the pupils attending the public schools of the city of New York.

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

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

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