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Introduced by Sens. JACKSON, FERNANDEZ, GONZALEZ, HINCHEY, RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to inclusive instruction and instructional materials

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 804-e
2 to read as follows:

3 § 804-e. Task force on model curriculum or instruction of the political,
4 economic, and social contributions of the LGBTQIA community. 1.
5 There is hereby created a task force to study and make recommendations
6 on model curriculum or instruction of the political, economic, and
7 social contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,
8 intersex, and asexual people, in an appropriate place in the curriculum
9 of middle school and high school students. The task force shall also
10 study and make recommendations on policies, procedures and best prac-
11 tices for the selection and adoption of inclusive instructional materi-
12 als for such model curriculum.

13 2. The task force shall be composed of eleven members to be appointed
14 as follows:

15 (a) two members shall be appointed by the governor;

16 (b) two members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the
17 senate;

18 (c) two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

19 (d) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
20 senate;

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

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1 (e) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assem-
2 bly;

3 (f) two members shall be appointed by the chancellor of the board of
4 regents; and

5 (g) one member shall be the commissioner or appointed designee thereof
6 who shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

7 3. All appointments to the task force shall be submitted no later than
8 one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this subdivision.
9 Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled within
10 thirty days in the same manner provided for original appointments.
11 Appointed members shall be chosen with due regard to broad ethnic, sexu-
12 al orientation, and gender identity or expression diversity and shall
13 have a demonstrated educational background in the history of the poli-
14 tical, economic, and social contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual,
15 transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual people.

16 4. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation but
17 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance
18 of their duties.

19 5. The task force shall study and prepare a report on model curriculum
20 or instruction, policies, procedures and best practices to provide an
21 inclusive curriculum on the political, economic, and social contrib-
22 utions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and
23 asexual people. The report shall be submitted to the governor, the
24 temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the
25 chairperson of the senate committee on education, the chairperson of the
26 senate committee on New York city education, the chairperson of the
27 assembly committee on education, the board of regents, and the commis-
28 sioner, no later than one year after all initial appointments to the
29 task force have been made.

30 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
31 the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to school
32 years commencing on or after such date. Effective immediately, the
33 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
34 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
35 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.