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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. THOMAS, COMRIE, GOUNARDES, JACKSON, PERSAUD, RAMOS
-- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to
the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended,
ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing certain
school holidays

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 3210 of the educa-
2 tion law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (iii) to read as
3 follows:

4 (iii) The following cultural or religious holidays shall be school
5 holidays for any schools or school districts where the board of educa-
6 tion or trustees determines such schools or districts have a consider-
7 able proportion of students who observe such days: Eid al-Fitr, Eid
8 al-Adha, Diwali, Tihar, Bandi Chhor Divas and Onam.

9 § 2. Section 3604 of the education law is amended by adding a new
10 subdivision 8-c to read as follows:

11 8-c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of any
12 calculation under subdivision seven or eight of this section, the
13 commissioner shall disregard any reduction resulting from observance of
14 Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Diwali, Tihar, Bandi Chhor Divas and Onam and,
15 if necessary, such observed holidays shall be calculated as session
16 days.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
18 the date on 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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