STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 13, 2023

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring climate change education in public schools

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 817 to read as follows:

§ 817. Climate change education. 1. The commissioner shall create and require climate change instruction within the current established science curriculum. Such instruction shall be taught in grades one through twelve in all public schools.

2. Schools shall begin teaching such climate change instruction in the first school year following certification by the commissioner that such instruction has been established.

3. School authorities shall provide the needed facilities, time and place for the instruction set forth in this section and shall provide learning aids and curriculum resource materials which contribute to effective teaching methods and learning in education regarding climate change.

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

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

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