STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ANGELINO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commissioner of education to develop curriculum for firearm safety instruction in schools and provides for schools to be able to provide firearm safety instruction

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 819 to read as follows:

§ 819. Instruction relating to firearm safety. 1. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of environmental conservation, shall develop curriculum for courses on firearm safety which shall be age appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of pupils in grades six through twelve. Such curricula shall be made available to every school in the state.

2. The curriculum developed under this section shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Proper usage and handling of firearms.

(b) Safe cleaning and maintenance of firearms.

(c) Different types of firearms.

(d) Safe hunting practices.

3. Firearms or ammunition shall not be brought into a school building as part of the firearm safety instruction.

4. The board of a school district may provide firearm safety instruction following the curriculum developed under this section as an optional extracurricular class for any pupil in grades six through twelve in the school district or may provide the firearm safety instruction as part of an existing course for the purpose of teaching self-expression and enjoyment of recreational activity.

5. Upon request from a pupil or the pupil's parent or legal guardian, the pupil shall be excused, without penalty or loss of academic credit, from attending the firearm safety instruction.

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

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6. A pupil who completes the firearm safety instruction curriculum developed under this section is considered to have completed the hunter safety course required to obtain a hunting license under title seven of article eleven of the environmental conservation law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.