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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. TAGUE, MILLER, E. BROWN, SMULLEN, HAWLEY, GALLAHAN, MIKULIN, DAVILA, LEMONDES, RAGA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to instruction in food and agriculture

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. Agriculture curriculum or instruction. 1. The commissioner,  
4 in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture and markets, shall  
5 establish curriculum or instruction for school districts regarding the  
6 practice of farming and agriculture, including but not limited to horti-  
7 culture, agricultural literacy, food production, food manufacturing, and  
8 agribusiness, among other topics. In determining such curriculum, the  
9 commissioner shall include a hands-on instructional component that is  
10 age appropriate and demonstrates the material value of New York's farm-  
11 ing industry.

12 2. Schools may include the above materials as a component of its  
13 science curriculum or any other way the school deems appropriate.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect the first of July next succeeding the  
15 date on which it shall have become a law, and shall apply to school  
16 years commencing on or after such date. Effective immediately, the addi-  
17 tion, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for  
18 the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to  
19 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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