STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring all schools have a calming space for students

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 409-o to read as follows:

§ 409-o. Calming space. The board of education or trustees of every school district or, in the case of the city school district of New York, the chancellor, and every board of cooperative educational services, charter school and nonpublic school within the state shall develop policies and procedures requiring that there is a room dedicated as a calming space available to students for activities including, but not limited to, praying, meditating, and calming themselves.

§ 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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