# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

May 15, 2026

Introduced by Sen. RHOADS -- 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 community service by certain 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 819 to read as follows:

**§ 819. Community service. The commissioner, in cooperation with the board of regents, is authorized and directed to establish and develop a requirement of community service for all secondary school students. All secondary school students shall complete a minimum of eight community service hours per academic year in grades nine through twelve. Thirty-six hours of community service is necessary for a student to graduate.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding 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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