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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- 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 the teaching of courses in the prevention of child abuse at private schools

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 803-b of the education law, as
2 added by chapter 187 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:
3 1. All pupils in grades K-8 in all public and private schools in the
4 state shall receive instruction designed to prevent child sexual exploi-
5 tation and child sexual abuse. Such program shall be defined by the
6 commissioner in regulations after consultation with the department of
7 health and be designed to educate students, parents and school personnel
8 about the prevention of child sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse
9 in grades kindergarten through eight. Such program shall include, but
10 not be limited to students and parents. Nothing in this section shall
11 prevent the department from making model curriculum and resource materi-
12 als available on the department's website.
13 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
14 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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