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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- 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 a multi-cultural curriculum

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. Multi-cultural curriculum. 1. All schools including elementa-
4 ry schools, junior high schools and senior high schools shall be
5 required to teach a multi-cultural curriculum which shall be set out in
6 rules and regulations to be promulgated by the commissioner.

7 2. In formulating the rules and regulations for a multi-cultural
8 curriculum the commissioner shall allow for and shall implement rules
9 and regulations which consider the differences in the cultural composi-
10 tion of each school and the commissioner shall allow and direct schools
11 to do research and observation on their own student body in order to
12 particularize multi-cultural education to fit such education to such
13 school.

14 3. The commissioner shall also promulgate rules and regulations which
15 shall set out a teacher education program in order to train teachers and
16 educators to teach and interact with students of different cultural and
17 ethnic backgrounds.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
19 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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