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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- 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 instruction  
in cursive writing as part of the basic education program

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 819 to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 819. Courses of instruction in cursive writing. The standard course  
4 of study shall include the requirement that public schools provide  
5 instruction in cursive writing so that students create readable docu-  
6 ments through legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth grade.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to school  
8 years commencing on the first of July next succeeding the date on which  
9 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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