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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 -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to clarifying that the writing requirement that is part of compulsory education includes cursive writing

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 3204 of the education law, as amended by chapter 14 of the laws of 1958, is amended to read as follows:

(1) The course of study for the first eight years of full time public day schools shall provide for instruction in at least the twelve common school branches of arithmetic, reading, spelling, writing, **including cursive writing,** the English language, geography, United States history, civics, hygiene, physical training, the history of New York state and science.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to school years commencing 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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