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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- 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 commissioner of education to develop and implement an expanded curriculum or instruction on the history of the labor movement in the United States

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 804-e to read as follows:

§ 804-e. History of the labor movement curriculum or instruction. 1. The commissioner, in consultation with any appropriate agency, shall establish and/or revise the curriculum or instruction for school districts in the history of both organized and unorganized labor in the United States, expanding any current curriculum or instruction to include a more complete picture of labor history and information on what the labor movement looks like currently. The content of such curriculum or instruction shall be age appropriate and shall be developed according to the needs and abilities of pupils at successive grade levels in order to provide information and understanding of the history of both organized and unorganized labor in the United States.

2. Schools may include the above materials as a component of their social studies curriculum or any other way the school deems appropriate.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026 and shall apply to school years commencing on or after such date. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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