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Introduced by Sen. BORRELLO -- 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 curriculum or instruction in Italian history and civic impact in public schools

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 819 to read as follows:

§ 819. Italian history and civic impact curriculum or instruction. 1. The commissioner shall establish Italian history and civic impact curriculum or instruction for all public school districts in the state. The contents of such curriculum or instruction shall be age appropriate and developed according to the needs and abilities of students at successive grade levels in order to provide robust Italian history and civic impact instruction. Such contents shall include, but shall not be limited to, instruction in the following:

a. Italian history, including the history of Italian immigration to the United States;

b. The movements and policies that impacted the Italian community in the United States;

c. The contributions made by the Italian community in government, the arts, humanities, science, and the economic, cultural, social, and political development of the United States; and

d. The structures and historical events that have limited or harmed the Italian community, especially pertaining to the history of Italian immigration to the United States.

2. The board of education or trustees of every school district shall provide appropriate training and curriculum materials for teachers who provide such instruction.

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

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3. Schools may include such curriculum materials as components of such schools' history or social studies curriculum, or any other manner such schools deem appropriate.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. 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.