STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 30, 2025

Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- 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 providing academic credit toward a high school diploma for practical experience

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 63 to read as follows:

63. Notwithstanding any rule of the regents to the contrary, the commissioner shall promulgate rules providing academic credit, which shall be utilized in the awarding of all types of high school diplomas, for practical experience received by students while in high school. Subject to the rules of the commissioner, practical experience may be deemed to satisfy requirements for successful completion of an academic course of instruction, related to such experience, which is necessary for the awarding of a high school diploma. Practical experience shall include internships and other learning experiences which occur outside of school, and which provide experience and knowledge in an academic discipline or a trade.

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