

## AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 101, 207, 208, 209, 305, 308, 309, and 3204 of the Education Law

Clause (d) of subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(d) Science, three units of credit and one of the Regents examinations in science or an approved alternative pursuant to section 100.2(f) of this Part. In order to qualify to take a Regents examination in any of the sciences a student must complete 1,200 minutes of [actual hands-on (not simulated)] laboratory experience which may be met through any combination of hands-on and simulated laboratory experience with satisfactory documented laboratory reports[, provided that, for students who attend educational programs administered pursuant to Education Law section 112 and Part 116 or 118 of this Title, and for all students where such hands-on laboratory experience cannot be completed as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, the 1,200 minutes of laboratory experience may be met through a combination of hands-on and simulated laboratory experience]. The 1,200 minutes of laboratory experience must be in addition to the required classroom instruction associated with earning a unit of credit, provided, however, for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, including the 2020 and 2021 summer sessions, the 1,200 minutes of laboratory experience is not required for a student to qualify to take a Regents examination where such student is unable to meet the 1,200-minute requirement due to the COVID-19 crisis and, provided further, that 1,200 minutes of laboratory experience is not required for a student to be exempted

from a Regents examination pursuant to subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of this section.