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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to health education
  regarding the abandoned infant protection program

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1   Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 805 to
2 read as follows:
3   S 805. HEALTH EDUCATION REGARDING THE ABANDONED INFANT PROTECTION
4 PROGRAM; PREGNANCY CONCEALMENT. 1. ALL SCHOOLS SHALL INCLUDE, AS AN
5 INTEGRAL PART OF HEALTH EDUCATION, INSTRUCTION REGARDING THE ABANDONED
6 INFANT PROTECTION PROGRAM SET FORTH IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED
7 SEVENTY-TWO-G OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW AND SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION
8 ABOUT RESPONSIBLE PARENTING AND THE AVAILABILITY OF CONFIDENTIAL
9 ADOPTION SERVICES.
10   2. INSTRUCTION REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE
11 INCLUDED IN THE HEALTH EDUCATION PROVIDED FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS AND
12 SHALL BE TAUGHT BY THE REGULAR CLASSROOM TEACHERS OR BY TEACHERS CERTI-
13 FIED TO TEACH HEALTH EDUCATION. SUCH INSTRUCTION SHALL BE DESIGNED
14 ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS AND ABILITIES OF THE PUPILS AT SUCCESSIVE GRADE
15 LEVELS.
16   3. ALL HEALTH TEACHERS IN THIS STATE SHALL RECEIVE TRAINING TO
17 INCREASE AWARENESS OF PREGNANCY CONCEALMENT AND TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS
18 THAT MAY BE CONCEALING A PREGNANCY. THE METHOD, MANNER AND CONTENT OF
19 SUCH TRAINING SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN
20 CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND SHALL INCLUDE INSTRUCTION
21 ON PROCEDURES THAT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED WHEN A STUDENT IS IDENTIFIED AS
22 POTENTIALLY CONCEALING A PREGNANCY.
23   S 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012; provided, however, that
24 effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule
25 or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effec-
26 tive date is authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

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