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Introduced by Sen. ADAMS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 ASSEMBLY, 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.

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

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1     S   2.   This   act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
2   have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the  
3   addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
4   for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized  
5   to be made and completed on or before such date.