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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to health education regarding alcohol, drugs, tobacco abuse and the prevention and detection of certain cancers

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 804 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 674 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 3. Instruction regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, in addi-
5 tion to continued health guidance in the junior high school grades and
6 the senior high schools, shall be an integral part of a required health
7 education course at each of these levels in the secondary schools
8 curriculum. SUCH INSTRUCTION SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO
9 AGE-APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION ON THE DANGERS OF ILLEGAL DRUG USE AND THE
10 ADDICTIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR ASSOCIATED WITH OPIATE AND OPIOID
11 DRUG USE. THE COMMISSIONER, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF
12 HEALTH, SHALL DEVELOP GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PROVIDE
13 RESOURCES AND MATERIALS TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DRUG
14 PREVENTION PROGRAM AS PART OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM IN SECOND-
15 ARY SCHOOLS. Students shall be required to demonstrate knowledge in the
16 subject area through the use of a test, graded project or report, or any
17 other means prescribed by the school authorities regarding alcohol,
18 drugs, and tobacco. Any such course shall be taught by teachers holding
19 a certificate to teach health. Related courses in the secondary school
20 curriculum shall be taught in a manner supportive of health education
21 regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. In addition, instruction
22 regarding the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol or
23 drugs shall be an integral part of a required health education course in

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

1 the senior high schools. Such instruction shall be provided in all
2 senior high schools whether or not these schools also provide driver
3 education courses.
4 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
5 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.