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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. NOLAN -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commissioner of education to establish rules and regulations for a sepsis awareness and prevention program for school districts, boards of cooperative educational services and nonpublic schools

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "Rory Staunton's law".

3 S 2. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new
4 subdivision 55 to read as follows:

5 55. A. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE AND REVIEW AS NECESSARY,
6 RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO AN ONGOING SEPSIS AWARENESS,
7 PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. IN DEVELOPING SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER COMMENTS FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND
8 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PARENTS, TEACHERS,
9 STUDENTS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND
10 SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION GROUPS. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE,
11 BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

12 (I) REQUIRING A MODEL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS, AND INSTRUCTIONAL
13 RESOURCES RELATING TO A SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM DESIGNED
14 TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION METHODS AGAINST SEPSIS TO BE MADE
15 AVAILABLE AT NO COST FOR EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT. SUCH MODEL CURRICULUM,
16 LESSON PLANS AND INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO GUIDELINES AND METHODS OF PREVENTION, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS
17 FOR THE REDUCTION OF EXPOSURE TO SEPSIS AND APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION
18 FOR SEPSIS;

19 (II) INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS AND MATERIALS FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES
20 DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH TO ENSURE
21 SUCH TOOLS AND MATERIALS INCLUDE UPDATED DATA AND INFORMATION ON SEPSIS
22 AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, WITH A PERIODIC REVIEW TO ENSURE UP-TO-DATE
23 INFORMATION; AND
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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(III) PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE INFORMATION RELATING TO SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE DEFINITION OF "SEPSIS", RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SEPSIS, SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF SEPSIS, HOW SEPSIS MAY OCCUR, AND THE METHODS OF PREVENTION OF SEPSIS. SCHOOLS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE SUCH INFORMATION OR REFERENCE HOW TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNET WEBSITE ON THE SCHOOL'S INTERNET WEBSITE, IF ONE EXISTS.

B. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM TO EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO INFORM THEM OF THE AVAILABILITY OF SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MODEL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS AND BEST PRACTICE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL AND ANNUALLY, IN SEPTEMBER, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REMIND DISTRICTS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MATERIALS AS A PART OF SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made completed on or before such effective date.