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Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the creation of a
prom and graduation safety program

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

1 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section
2 19.26 to read as follows:
3 S 19.26 PROM AND GRADUATION SAFETY PROGRAM.
4 (A) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH A PROM AND GRADUATION SAFETY PROGRAM
5 WITHIN THE OFFICE, WHICH SHALL FOCUS UPON ENSURING THE SAFETY OF ADOLES-
6 CENTS ATTENDING THEIR PROM AND CELEBRATING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.
7 (B) THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
8 THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, SHALL
9 DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND PARENTS AND
10 GUARDIANS WITH INFORMATION AND TIPS ON HOW TO KEEP ADOLESCENTS SAFE AND
11 HEALTHY. SUCH EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING PRINTABLE BROCHURES,
12 SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITES OF THE OFFICE AND THE STATE EDUCATION
13 DEPARTMENT AND SHALL BE UPDATED ANNUALLY.
14 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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