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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to opioid overdose  
prevention in college housing

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 6438-a  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 6438-a. Opioid overdose prevention in college housing. 1. Any campus  
4 of the state university of New York, city university of New York or any  
5 community college shall provide training in the administration of opioid  
6 antagonists by a program approved under section thirty-three hundred  
7 nine of the public health law to any resident assistant employed by such  
8 campus. Any such campus shall provide and maintain onsite in any  
9 college-owned or college-operated housing, opioid antagonists, as  
10 defined in section thirty-three hundred nine of the public health law,  
11 in quantities and types deemed by the commissioner, in consultation with  
12 the commissioner of health. Such opioid antagonists shall be accessible  
13 by each resident assistant for use during emergencies to any student or  
14 other individual on college-owned or college-operated housing premises  
15 suspected of having opioid overdose whether or not there is a previous  
16 history of opioid abuse.

17 2. Officials at any campus of the state university of New York, city  
18 university of New York or any community college may designate additional  
19 employees who volunteer to administer opioid antagonists in the event a  
20 resident assistant is not physically present at a suspected overdose  
21 incident, provided that such additional employee is trained in the  
22 administration of opioid antagonists by a program approved under section  
23 thirty-three hundred nine of the public health law.

24 3. Any person shall not be liable for any act or omission related to,  
25 or any harm resulting from, administration of an opioid antagonist  
26 pursuant to this section, provided that such person acted reasonably and  
27 in good faith.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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