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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ, BURDICK, HEVESI, TAPIA, LEVENBERG, SIMON, O'PHARROW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to enacting the "public university emergency contraception education act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "public university emergency contraception education act".

§ 2. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature finds that access to emergency contraception is a basic measure that can prevent college students from having an unwanted pregnancy. The federal Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of emergency contraception as safe and effective in the prevention of pregnancy. Emergency contraception has been found to have no effect on an established pregnancy. Medical research strongly indicates that the sooner emergency contraception is administered, the better the chance of preventing an unwanted pregnancy. Therefore, the legislature deems it essential that the commissioner of the department of health establish a statewide emergency contraception college education and awareness campaign in which each college and university of the state university of New York and the city university of New York provide information on emergency contraception to its students and make it available to any student who seeks it whenever practicable and in accordance with applicable law and professional standards of practice.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (t) to read as follows:

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

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(t) The commissioner shall establish a statewide emergency contraception college education and awareness campaign to:

(i) promote public awareness in colleges and universities of the safety and efficacy of emergency contraception in preventing pregnancy as so deemed by the federal Food and Drug Administration; and

(ii) inform and educate individuals through the dissemination of informational materials and posters relating to the safety and efficacy of emergency contraception to every college and university of the state university of New York and the city university of New York. Such materials shall be made available to be conspicuously displayed at appropriate locations around each campus and distributed to students in a manner to be determined by each college and university.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.