STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 21, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the "student safety, parent notification, and transparency 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 "student safety, parent notification, and transparency act".

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new article 2-B to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2-B

STUDENT SAFETY, PARENT NOTIFICATION, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Section 24. Use of physical restraint or force on students; notification, documentation, review and reporting requirements.

§ 24. Use of physical restraint or force on students; notification, documentation, review and reporting requirements. 1. The parent or guardian of any student shall be notified either verbally or electronically on the same day any physical restraint or physical force is used on such student in a school setting. Such notice shall also include a written incident report within twenty-four hours.

2. Any time any physical restraint or physical force is used on a student, the school district shall document the date, time, location and duration of such use of restraint or force, the reason for such use of restraint or force, any de-escalation efforts used, the staff involved in such use of restraint or force, and any injuries or observable distress caused by such use of restraint or force.

3. Any use of physical restraint or physical force involving students with disabilities, including incidents involving prone or floor-based restraint, injury, or extended duration, conducted by personnel outside the immediate school building, shall be independently reviewed.

4. Parents and guardians of students shall be provided access to incident records related to the use of physical restraint or physical force on such students, including written reports and any photographs or video

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

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recordings created by school staff related to the incident. Such access shall be subject to applicable privacy protections.

5. School districts shall report anonymized incident data to the department, and the department shall compile and publish aggregate statewide incident data to support oversight and policy evaluation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.