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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Gianaris) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to persons required to be notified of bedbug infestations in certain public schools; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the education law relating to directing a city school district having a population of one million or more to provide notice of bedbug infestations in public schools, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4472 and A. 5434, in relation to the effective date thereof

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 920 of the education law,
2 as added by a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the education law
3 relating to directing a city school district having a population of one
4 million or more to provide notice of bedbug infestations in public
5 schools, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4472 and A. 5434,
6 are amended to read as follows:
7 1. In a city school district having a population of one million or
8 more inhabitants, the principal of each public school shall provide
9 immediate notification to [all] parents [or], persons in parental
10 relation OR GUARDIANS OF POTENTIALLY AFFECTED STUDENTS ATTENDING THE
11 SCHOOL, disclosing a finding relating to the infestation of bedbugs
12 (*Cimex lectularius*) in such school; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF PURSUANT
13 TO REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER IT IS DETERMINED THAT ANY INFESTATION
14 IS CONTAINED WITHIN A DISCRETE AREA, THE PRINCIPAL MAY LIMIT SUCH
15 NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS, PERSONS IN PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP OR GUARDIANS
16 OF ALL POTENTIALLY AFFECTED STUDENTS WITHIN SUCH AREA, AND SHALL ADVISE
17 THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE SCOPE OF SUCH NOTIFICATION.
18 2. Along with the notification required pursuant to subdivision one of
19 this section, the principal of such public school shall also include
20 information regarding proper procedures to prevent further infestations
21 at the school and to prevent the transfer of bedbugs from the school to
22 the residences of students. Such information [may] SHALL be developed by

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

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1 the board of education in consultation with other city agencies and
2 shall be available in various languages as deemed necessary.

3 S 2. Section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the educa-
4 tion law relating to directing a city school district having a popu-
5 lation of one million or more to provide notice of bedbug infestations
6 in public schools, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4472 and
7 A. 5434, is amended to read as follows:

8 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
9 the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however that any
10 rules and regulations OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION necessary to
11 implement the provisions of this act on its effective date are author-
12 ized and directed to be completed on or before such date.

13 S 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
14 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the education law
15 relating to directing a city school district having a population of one
16 million or more to provide notice of bedbug infestations in public
17 schools, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4472 and A. 5434,
18 takes effect.