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Introduced by M. of A. LANCMAN, SPANO, ALFANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. PHEFFER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the university emergency alert act

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "university emergency alert act".

S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 141 to read as follows:

S 141. UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY ALERT. 1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "HIGHER EDUCATION" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS ASCRIBED TO SUCH TERM BY SUBDIVISION EIGHT OF SECTION TWO OF THIS TITLE.

2. ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL, PURSUANT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS, IMPLEMENT AN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM IN ORDER TO NOTIFY AND ADVISE STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND NEIGHBORING RESIDENTS WITHIN A SUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE INSTITUTION OF INCIDENTS OR OCCURRENCES AT THE INSTITUTION WHICH, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE INSTITUTION, POSE A THREAT TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF OR NEIGHBORING RESIDENTS. PARTICIPATION IN AN INSTITUTION'S EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM SHALL BE MANDATORY FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF AT THE INSTITUTION WHO POSSESS THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE NECESSARY TO RECEIVE THE EMERGENCY ALERT.

S 3. 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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