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Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED, DINOWITZ, GALEF, GUNTHER, PAULIN, CLARK, JAFFEE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ALFANO, BACALLES, BARRA, BRADLEY, BRENNAN, CANESTRARI, COOK, JACOBS, LUPARDO, McDONOUGH, McENENY, MILLER, SCARBOROUGH, SPANO, SWEENEY, WALKER, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the education law, in relation to quality assurance and peer review activities

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 2805-m of the public health law,  
2     as amended by chapter 808 of the laws of 1987, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, none of the records,  
5     documentation or committee actions or records required pursuant to  
6     sections twenty-eight hundred five-j and twenty-eight hundred five-k of  
7     this article, the reports required pursuant to section twenty-eight  
8     hundred five-l of this article nor any incident reporting requirements  
9     imposed upon diagnostic and treatment centers pursuant to the provisions  
10    of this chapter shall be subject to disclosure under article six of the  
11    public officers law or article thirty-one of the civil practice law and  
12    rules, except as hereinafter provided or as provided by any other  
13    provision of law. No person in attendance at a meeting of any such  
14    committee shall be required to testify as to what transpired thereat.  
15    [The] FURTHERMORE, THE prohibition relating to discovery of testimony  
16    shall [not] apply to the statements made by any person in attendance at  
17    such a meeting who is a party to an action or proceeding the subject  
18    matter of which was reviewed at such meeting.  
19    S 2. The closing paragraph of subdivision 3 of section 6527 of the  
20    education law, as amended by chapter 257 of the laws of 1987, is amended  
21    to read as follows:

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

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1 Neither the proceedings nor the records relating to performance of a  
2 medical or a quality assurance review function or participation in a  
3 medical and dental malpractice prevention program nor any report  
4 required by the department of health pursuant to section twenty-eight  
5 hundred five-1 of the public health law described herein, including the  
6 investigation of an incident reported pursuant to section 29.29 of the  
7 mental hygiene law, shall be subject to disclosure under article thir-  
8 ty-one of the civil practice law and rules except as hereinafter  
9 provided or as provided by any other provision of law. No person in  
10 attendance at a meeting when a medical or a quality assurance review or  
11 a medical and dental malpractice prevention program or an incident  
12 reporting function described herein was performed, including the inves-  
13 tigation of an incident reported pursuant to section 29.29 of the mental  
14 hygiene law, shall be required to testify as to what transpired thereat.  
15 [The] FURTHERMORE, THE prohibition relating to discovery of testimony  
16 shall [not] apply to the statements made by any person in attendance at  
17 such a meeting who is a party to an action or proceeding the subject  
18 matter of which was reviewed at such meeting.

19 S 3. Section 6530 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
20 subdivision 50 to read as follows:

21 50. FAILURE TO COOPERATE AND PARTICIPATE, REASONABLY AND IN GOOD  
22 FAITH, IN THE QUALITY ASSURANCE, INCIDENT REPORTING, AND PEER REVIEW  
23 PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES COVERED BY THE CONFI-  
24 DENTIALITY PROVISIONS OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE-M OF THE  
25 PUBLIC HEALTH LAW OR CLAUSE (A), (B), (D) OR (E) OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF  
26 SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN OF THIS TITLE.

27 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.