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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring instruction in organ, eye and tissue donation in senior high schools

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

Section 1. The section heading of section 804 of the education law, as amended by chapter 401 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

Health education regarding alcohol, drugs, tobacco abuse [and], the prevention and detection of certain cancers, AND INSTRUCTION IN ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONATION.

S 2. Section 804 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-b to read as follows:

3-B. INSTRUCTION REGARDING ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONATION SHALL BE A PART OF A REQUIRED HEALTH EDUCATION COURSE AT THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL, IN ADDITION TO CONTINUED HEALTH GUIDANCE IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS. SUCH INSTRUCTION SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEED FOR ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONATION AND THE BENEFITS OF DONATION TO RECIPIENTS, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ABOUT NEW YORK STATE LAW RELATIVE TO ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONATION, INCLUDING HOW TO BECOME A DONOR. CURRICULUM SHALL BE DEVELOPED IN COORDINATION WITH NEW YORK STATE'S FEDERALLY CERTIFIED ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND ACCREDITED OR LICENSED EYE AND TISSUE BANKS. ANY SUCH COURSE SHALL BE TAUGHT BY TEACHERS HOLDING A CERTIFICATE TO TEACH HEALTH. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE BIENNIALLY EVALUATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

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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