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Introduced by M. of A. ROBINSON, ABBATE, MAISEL, COOK, TOWNS, BARRON, MILLMAN, CASTRO, JAFFEE, COLTON, HOOPER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. PHEFFER, TITONE, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commissioner to develop and conduct programs designed to prevent suicide among youths

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 42 to read as follows:

42. A. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL DEVELOP TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE OF YOUTHS FOR USE BY CLASSROOM TEACHERS, TEACHING ASSISTANTS, PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES PROFESSIONALS, AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OR SUPERVISORS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

B. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DIRECT EACH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INFORM STAFF LISTED IN PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION EMPLOYED BY SUCH BOARD OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER SOURCES REGARDING THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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