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Introduced by Sen. MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Social Services in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to creating a domestic abuse hotline for teens; and to amend the education law, in relation to requiring a school assembly on domestic abuse

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

Section 1. Section 459-h of the social services law, as renumbered by chapter 428 of the laws of 2009, is renumbered section 459-i and a new section 459-h is added to read as follows:

S 459-H. DOMESTIC ABUSE HOTLINE FOR TEENS. THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL ESTABLISH A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR DOMESTIC ABUSE HOTLINE FOR TEENS. THE HOTLINE SHALL BE A TOLL-FREE NUMBER. THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT SHALL TAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO INFORM TEENS LIVING IN THEIR DISTRICT OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE HOTLINE.

S 2. Section 3234 of the education law, as renumbered by chapter 975 of the laws of 1966, is renumbered section 3235 and a new section 3234 is added to read as follows:

S 3234. MANDATORY DOMESTIC ABUSE ASSEMBLY. EVERY HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN THIS STATE SHALL ANNUALLY CONDUCT AN ASSEMBLY ON THE DANGERS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH THE GUIDELINES AND CONTENT FOR THE ASSEMBLY. THE ASSEMBLY SHALL ALSO SUPPLY THE STUDENTS WITH THE TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR THE DOMESTIC ABUSE HOTLINE FOR TEENS.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that section two of this act shall apply to any school year commencing at least 30 days after such effective date.

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

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