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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the "public schools 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 "public schools emergency alert act".

S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 409-j to read as follows:

S 409-J. EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, A CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCATED IN A CITY OF ONE MILLION OR MORE INHABITANTS SHALL, PURSUANT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE CHANCELLOR OF SUCH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CONSISTENT WITH SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED ONE-A OF THIS CHAPTER, IMPLEMENT AN EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO CONVEY TIMELY INFORMATION CONCERNING EMERGENCY INCIDENTS OR OCCURRENCES THAT HAVE CAUSED THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ANY PROTECTIVE ACTION OR MEASURE BECAUSE THE INCIDENT OR OCCURRENCE POSED A THREAT TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF. SUCH EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM SHALL EMPLOY A VARIETY OF COMMUNICATION METHODS INCLUDING THE AUTOMATED DELIVERY OF TEXT MESSAGES, PHONE CALLS AND/OR ELECTRONIC MAIL AND SHALL NOTIFY AND ADVISE PARENTS OR PERSONS IN PARENTAL RELATION, FACULTY, STAFF, ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND RESIDENTS WHO VOLUNTEER TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATIONS.

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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