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Introduced by M. of A. MILLER, CALHOUN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BUTLER, CROUCH, ERRIGO, FINCH, HAYES, SAYWARD, THIELE, TOWNSEND -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to mandating instruction in secondary schools regarding domestic violence

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 812-a to read as follows:

S 812-A. INSTRUCTION FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS REGARDING CHILD ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THE COMMISSIONER, IN COOPERATION WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS, IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP PROGRAMS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION REGARDING CHILD ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. SUCH INSTRUCTION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, A RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNS AND EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND AWARENESS OF THE POTENTIAL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE A POSSIBLE BATTERER, ABUSER OR VICTIM.

S 2. 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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