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Introduced by M. of A. HYER-SPENCER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to information to be provided to students

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 2815 to read as follows:

S 2815. SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND STALKING PREVENTION INFORMATION. EACH PUBLIC SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SHALL INFORM INCOMING STUDENTS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND STALKING PREVENTION MEASURES THROUGH PROGRAMS WHICH MAY INCLUDE WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, DISCUSSION GROUPS, AND FILM PRESENTATIONS, IN ORDER TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION, PROMOTE DISCUSSION, ENCOURAGE REPORTING, AND FACILITATE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND STALKING. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

1. THE APPLICABLE LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO SUCH OFFENSES;

2. THE PENALTIES FOR THE COMMISSION OF A SEX OFFENSE, A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT AND A STALKING OFFENSE;

3. THE PROCEDURES IN EFFECT IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR DEALING WITH SUCH OFFENSES;

4. THE AVAILABILITY OF COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE VICTIMS OF SUCH OFFENSES;

5. THE NATURE OF AND COMMON CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO SEX OFFENSES, INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND STALKING OFFENSES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY; AND

6. THE METHODS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES EMPLOYS TO ADVISE AND TO UPDATE STUDENTS ABOUT SECURITY PROCEDURES.

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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