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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sens. LAVALLE, ONORATO, VOLKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring public school districts to develop policies limiting the use of district-owned cellular phones

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 308-a to read as follows:

S 308-A. POLICIES; CELLULAR PHONES. THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP A POLICY REGULATING THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES PURCHASED BY SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL. SUCH POLICY SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE RESTRICTION OF SUCH CELLULAR PHONES TO USE BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL ONLY AND ONLY FOR PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RELATED BUSINESS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL PERSONNEL" SHALL INCLUDE FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME FACULTY, STAFF, ADMINISTRATION, AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED FROM TIME TO TIME IN SCHOOL DISTRICT RELATED BUSINESS.

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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