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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the instruction of sexual abuse and sexual assault prevention in elementary and secondary schools

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 815 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 815. INSTRUCTION IN SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION. 1.
4 THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
5 SERVICES, THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE AND RAPE CRISIS EDUCATORS, IS
6 HEREBY DIRECTED TO PROVIDE AND PRESCRIBE A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN
7 SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION FOR ALL ELEMENTARY AND
8 SECONDARY PUPILS.
9 2. SUCH PREVENTION CURRICULUM SHALL BE AGE APPROPRIATE FOR ALL PUPIL
10 AGE GROUPS. THE AGE APPROPRIATENESS OF EACH LEVEL OF SUCH CURRICULUM
11 SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE
12 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE AND RAPE
13 CRISIS EDUCATORS. SUCH CURRICULUM SHALL BE TAUGHT BY EITHER CLASSROOM
14 TEACHERS OR HEALTH EDUCATION TEACHERS ON AN ON-GOING BASIS THROUGHOUT
15 THE SCHOOL YEAR. EVERY INSTRUCTOR OF SUCH CURRICULUM SHALL ATTEND A
16 TRAINING CLASS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
17 OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE AND
18 RAPE CRISIS EDUCATORS.
19 3. SUCH CURRICULUM SHALL ALSO INCLUDE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR
20 PARENTS REGARDING HOW TO AID IN KEEPING THEIR CHILDREN SAFE FROM SEXUAL
21 ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT.
22 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
23 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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