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Introduced by Sens. ADDABBO, ESPADA, HASSELL-THOMPSON, MONTGOMERY, ONORATO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "public
2 schools emergency alert act".
3 S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 409-j to
4 read as follows:
5 S 409-J. EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; CITIES
6 WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY FIRST,
7 TWO THOUSAND TEN, A CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCATED IN A CITY OF ONE
8 MILLION OR MORE INHABITANTS SHALL, PURSUANT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS
9 PROMULGATED BY THE CHANCELLOR OF SUCH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CONSIST-
10 ENT WITH SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED ONE-A OF THIS CHAPTER, IMPLEMENT
11 AN EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO CONVEY TIMELY INFORMATION
12 CONCERNING EMERGENCY INCIDENTS OR OCCURRENCES, AS DEFINED BY SUCH CHAN-
13 CELLOR, THAT POSE AN IMMINENT THREAT TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF A
14 SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF AT A PARTICULAR EDUCA-
15 TIONAL FACILITY OR PROGRAM. SUCH EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
16 SHALL EMPLOY A VARIETY OF COMMUNICATION METHODS INCLUDING THE AUTOMATED
17 DELIVERY OF TEXT MESSAGES, PHONE CALLS AND/OR ELECTRONIC MAIL AND SHALL
18 NOTIFY AND ADVISE PARENTS OR PERSONS IN PARENTAL RELATION, FACULTY,
19 STAFF, AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, WHO VOLUNTEER TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY
20 ALERT NOTIFICATIONS.
21 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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