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Introduced by Sens. HUNTLEY, ADAMS, ESPADA, HASSELL-THOMPSON, PARKER, THOMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commissioner of education to develop and conduct programs designed to prevent suicide among youths

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 42 to read as follows:

42. A. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, SHALL LINK THE WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT TO AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE OF YOUTHS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE OF YOUTHS FOR USE BY STAFF OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS LOCATED IN THIS STATE WHO HAVE REGULAR CONTACT WITH STUDENTS.

B. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ANNUALLY DIRECT EACH SCHOOL BOARD OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL TO INFORM THE STAFF OF SUCH SCHOOLS WHO HAVE REGULAR CONTACT WITH STUDENTS ABOUT THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM FROM THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE.

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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