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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the development of a comprehensive campus security plan

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 6435-a to read as follows:

S 6435-A. COMPREHENSIVE CAMPUS SECURITY PLAN. 1. THE PRESIDENT OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF EVERY COLLEGE CHARTERED BY THE REGENTS OR INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE INCLUDING ALL STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES, SHALL WORK WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS SECURITY, AS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE CAMPUS SECURITY PLAN FOR THE COLLEGE. SUCH PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

A. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: THE COUNTY SHERIFF, THE STATE POLICE OR THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

B. THE COORDINATION OF VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL, BOTH ON AND OFF CAMPUS, IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES ON, IN OR AROUND THE CAMPUS.

C. THE USE OF VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS, MONITORING AND SENSOR TECHNOLOGIES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF ALL CAMPUS PERSONNEL, TO COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL ON AND OFF CAMPUS, TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL THREATS TO THE CAMPUS SECURITY AND TO RESPOND TO ANY EMERGENCY ON CAMPUS.

D. PROVIDE FOR THE DETAILED MAPPING OF ALL CAMPUS ROADS AND FACILITIES INCLUDING THE INTERNAL MAPPING OF EACH CAMPUS FACILITY, WHICH SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A SECURED LOCATION BY THE CAMPUS AND BY THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY THAT HAS A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CAMPUS PURSUANT TO

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION. ONLY THOSE AUTHORIZED IN THE PLAN MAY HAVE ACCESS TO SUCH CAMPUS MAPS.

2. AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS ESTABLISHED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION EACH CAMPUS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONDUCT DRILLS IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. SUCH DRILLS WILL IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE CAMPUS SECURITY PLAN AS IT RELATES TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. THE DRILLS SHALL INCLUDE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICERS OR PEACE OFFICERS, THE INSTITUTION'S PERSONNEL AND STUDENTS.

3. THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, AND INDEPENDENT SECTOR BOARDS OF TRUSTEES SHALL EVALUATE THEIR EMERGENCY DRILLS IN TERMS OF OVERALL RESPONSE TIME, COMPLIANCE OF CAMPUS PERSONNEL AND ALL OTHERS ENGAGED IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. STANDARDS FOR RESPONSE TIME, COMPLIANCE WITH CAMPUS PERSONNEL AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE DRILLS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR EACH STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK CAMPUS IN CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. SUCH STANDARDS SHALL BE REVIEWED BY THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE.

4. THE STATE UNIVERSITY AND CITY UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT SEVERAL DEMONSTRATION OR PILOT TYPE PROGRAMS TO TEST VARIOUS TECHNOLOGIES AS RELATED TO IDENTIFYING SECURITY THREATS AND RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. SUCH DEMONSTRATION OR PILOT PROJECTS SHALL BE REVIEWED BY AND INCLUDE THE PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MUST BE EVALUATED BY THE RESPECTIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

5. EACH CAMPUS SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROTOCOL FOR THE REPORTING OF INSTANCES WHERE THERE IS CONCERN REGARDING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF A STUDENT. SUCH PROTOCOL WILL REQUIRE THAT IN THE EVENT THAT A CREDIBLE REPORT IS MADE REGARDING A STUDENT, THAT THE STUDENT BE INTERVIEWED AND A RECOMMENDATION BE MADE REGARDING THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE. SUCH PROTOCOL SHALL BECOME PART OF THE INSTITUTION'S GENERAL GOVERNING POLICY AND GENERALLY COMMUNICATED TO ALL CAMPUS EMPLOYEES. THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF ALL OTHER CAMPUSES SHALL ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISION OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. The state university of New York and city university of New York board of trustees are hereby authorized and directed to, within the funds appropriated for, increase the number of licensed mental health counselors available to students. This effort is intended to increase the counselor-to-student ratio toward an appropriate and more nationally recognized threshold, based on the nature of the campuses. The funds made available to implement this section shall be utilized to supplement existing services and shall not be substituted for services currently being funded by state or other sources. For the state university of New York, no more than 70 percent of the newly licensed mental health counselors recruited shall be distributed to state-operated campuses and no less than 30 percent to community colleges. For the city university of New York, no more than 50 percent of the newly licensed mental health counselors recruited shall be distributed to senior colleges and no less than 50 percent to community colleges.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.