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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to health education regarding the abandoned infant protection program

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 805 to read as follows:

S 805. HEALTH EDUCATION REGARDING THE ABANDONED INFANT PROTECTION PROGRAM; PREGNANCY CONCEALMENT. 1. ALL SCHOOLS SHALL INCLUDE, AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF HEALTH EDUCATION, INSTRUCTION REGARDING THE ABANDONED INFANT PROTECTION PROGRAM SET FORTH IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO-G OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW AND SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT RESPONSIBLE PARENTING AND THE AVAILABILITY OF CONFIDENTIAL ADOPTION SERVICES.

2. INSTRUCTION REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE HEALTH EDUCATION PROVIDED FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS AND SHALL BE TAUGHT BY THE REGULAR CLASSROOM TEACHERS OR BY TEACHERS CERTIFIED TO TEACH HEALTH EDUCATION. SUCH INSTRUCTION SHALL BE DESIGNED ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS AND ABILITIES OF THE PUPILS AT SUCCESSIVE GRADE LEVELS.

3. ALL HEALTH TEACHERS IN THIS STATE SHALL RECEIVE TRAINING TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF PREGNANCY CONCEALMENT AND TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS THAT MAY BE CONCEALING A PREGNANCY. THE METHOD, MANNER AND CONTENT OF SUCH TRAINING SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND SHALL INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON PROCEDURES THAT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED WHEN A STUDENT IS IDENTIFIED AS POTENTIALLY CONCEALING A PREGNANCY.

S 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

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

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