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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring school districts to provide information on head injuries to pupils and their parents and requiring acknowledgment of receipt of such information prior to engaging in interscholastic sports

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 921 to read as follows:

S 921. INFORMATION ON HEAD INJURIES FOR CERTAIN ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION. EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, AND NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO ALL PUPIL ATHLETES AN INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET TO EDUCATE PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS AND PERSONS IN PARENTAL RELATION TO A PUPIL PARTICIPATING IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS ON THE NATURE, INCIDENCE, TREATMENT, WARNING SIGNS AND RISKS OF CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES AND AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE PAMPHLET. A COPY OF SUCH PAMPHLET SHALL BE PROVIDED ANNUALLY TO EVERY PUPIL WHO PARTICIPATES IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT PRIOR TO THE FIRST PRACTICE OR TRYOUT. THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT SHALL ATTEST TO RECEIPT OF THE PAMPHLET TO BE DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THAT THE SIGNATORS HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE NATURE AND RISKS OF CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES. NO PUPIL SHALL PRACTICE FOR OR ENGAGE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS UNTIL SUCH PUPIL AND THE PERSON IN PARENTAL RELATION TO HIM OR HER HAVE SIGNED SUCH FORM. A NEW FORM SHALL BE SIGNED BY THE PUPIL AND THE PERSON IN PARENTAL RELATION TO HIM OR HER IN EVERY YEAR IN WHICH SUCH PUPIL PRACTICES FOR OR ENGAGES IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be 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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