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Introduced by M. of A. AUBRY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring preventative cardiac screening of student athletes

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

Section 1. Section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 29 to read as follows:

29. (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, PROMULGATE BY REGULATION, GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS MANDATING THAT STUDENT ATHLETES RECEIVE PREVENTATIVE CARDIAC SCREENING TO DETECT CONDITIONS AND DEFECTS WHICH MAY LEAD TO ILLNESS, INJURY OR DEATH AS A RESULT OF STRENUOUS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC TYPES OF SCREENING WHICH SHALL BE REQUIRED INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ADVANCED SCREENING FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY.

(B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "STUDENT ATHLETE" SHALL MEAN ANY STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN SUPERVISED SPORTING ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL, OR AN ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION OR GROUP ORGANIZED AND FUNCTIONING, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING YOUTH WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SUPERVISED SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

(C) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH BY REGULATION, GUIDELINES MANDATING THAT COACHES AND TRAINERS OF STUDENT ATHLETES, AS DEFINED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, WHETHER PAID OR UNPAID, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE TRAINING IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE CORRECT USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE SUCH TRAINING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AT LEAST FOUR TIMES PER YEAR.

S 2. 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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