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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to alerting all public and non-public schools of the state in the event of a general threat against the schools of the state

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 319 to read as follows:

S 319. SCHOOL SAFETY ALERT. THE COMMISSIONER OR HIS OR HER AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE SHALL DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE INFORMATION RELATING TO A GENERAL THREAT OF HARM MADE AGAINST A SINGLE, MULTIPLE OR ALL OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE STATE. FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF SUCH INFORMATION, THE COMMISSIONER OR HIS OR HER AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE SHALL NOTIFY ALL PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE STATE OF THE THREAT. THE COMMISSIONER OR HIS OR HER AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE SHALL MAINTAIN UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ALL NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE, AND SHALL DEVELOP ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO ENSURE TIMELY NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

S 2. Section 2801-a of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

3-A. THE SCHOOL SAFETY TEAM SHALL DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN OF THIS CHAPTER, IN THE EVENT THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES INFORMATION RELATING TO A GENERAL THREAT OF HARM MADE AGAINST A SINGLE, MULTIPLE OR ALL OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE STATE.

S 3. 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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