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Introduced by Sen. KLEIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities -- recommitted to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law and the education law, in relation to requiring the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services to establish a curriculum in problem gambling which may be provided in grades four through twelve

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

Section 1. Section 19.07 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (i) to read as follows:

(I) THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SHALL ESTABLISH A CURRICULUM FOR A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN ADOLESCENT PROBLEM GAMBLING WHICH MAY, AT THE OPTION OF ANY SCHOOL, BE PROVIDED IN GRADES FOUR THROUGH TWELVE. SUCH COURSE OF INSTRUCTION SHALL INCLUDE MATERIALS TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ON THE DANGERS AND CONSEQUENCES OF PROBLEM GAMBLING, AND SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF SUCH OFFICE.

S 2. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 43 to read as follows:

43. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE, ON THE DEPARTMENT INTERNET WEBSITE, THE CURRICULUM OF THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN ADOLESCENT PROBLEM GAMBLING ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (I) OF SECTION 19.07 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW.

S 3. This act shall take effect September 1, 2013.

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

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