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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to care for pupils with  
diabetes

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 921 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 921. CARE FOR PUPILS WITH DIABETES. 1. EACH ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR  
4     SECONDARY SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL PUPILS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED BY  
5     A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER DULY AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WITH DIABETES  
6     RECEIVE APPROPRIATE AND NEEDED DIABETES CARE AS SPECIFIED IN THE  
7     DIABETES MEDICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF  
8     SUCH PUPILS WITH DIABETES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, "DIABETES  
9     MEDICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN" SHALL MEAN A DOCUMENT DEVELOPED BY A PUPIL'S  
10    PHYSICIAN OR OTHER DULY AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THAT SETS OUT  
11    THE HEALTH SERVICES NEEDED BY THE PUPIL WHILE AT SCHOOL AND IS SIGNED BY  
12    THE PUPIL'S PHYSICIAN OR OTHER DULY AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND  
13    PARENT OR GUARDIAN.  
14    2. UPON WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND AUTHORIZATION BY  
15    THE PUPIL'S DIABETES MEDICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN, EACH ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR  
16    SECONDARY SCHOOL SHALL ALLOW PUPILS WITH DIABETES TO PERFORM BLOOD  
17    GLUCOSE CHECKS, ADMINISTER INSULIN THROUGH AN INSULIN DELIVERY SYSTEM,  
18    TREAT HYPOGLYCEMIA AND HYPERGLYCEMIA, AND OTHERWISE ATTEND TO THE CARE  
19    AND MANAGEMENT OF HIS OR HER DIABETES IN THE CLASSROOM, IN ANY AREA OF  
20    THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL GROUNDS, AND AT ANY SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITY, AND TO  
21    POSSESS AT ALL TIMES ALL NECESSARY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO PERFORM  
22    SUCH FUNCTIONS. PUPILS SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO A PRIVATE AREA FOR PERFORM-  
23    ING DIABETES CARE TASKS IF THE PARENT OR PUPIL REQUESTS ONE.  
24    3. UPON WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND AUTHORIZATION BY  
25    THE PUPIL'S DIABETES MEDICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN, TRAINED DIABETES CARE  
26    PERSONNEL, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION, MAY PERFORM  
27    DIABETES CARE FUNCTIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: CHECKING AND  
28    RECORDING BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS AND KETONE LEVELS OR ASSISTING A PUPIL

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

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1 WITH SUCH CHECKING AND RECORDING SUCH LEVELS; RESPONDING TO BLOOD  
2 GLUCOSE LEVELS THAT ARE OUTSIDE THE PUPIL'S TARGET RANGE; ADMINISTERING  
3 GLUCAGON AND OTHER EMERGENCY TREATMENTS, AS PRESCRIBED; ADMINISTERING  
4 INSULIN OR ASSISTING A PUPIL IN ADMINISTERING INSULIN THROUGH THE INSU-  
5 LIN DELIVERY SYSTEM THE PUPIL USES; PROVIDING ORAL DIABETES MEDICATIONS;  
6 AND FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MEALS, SNACKS, AND PHYSICAL ACTIV-  
7 ITY.

8 4. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TRAINED DIABETES CARE PERSONNEL"  
9 SHALL MEAN SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO VOLUNTEER TO BE TRAINED IN THE CARE  
10 NEEDED FOR PUPILS WITH DIABETES AND WHO COMPLETE TRAINING PURSUANT TO  
11 SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION. TRAINED DIABETES CARE PERSONNEL NEED  
12 NOT BE LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER  
13 PROVISION OF LAW, THE ACTIVITIES OF TRAINED DIABETES CARE PERSONNEL SET  
14 FORTH IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE THE  
15 PRACTICE OF NURSING AND SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY  
16 AND/OR REGULATORY PROVISIONS THAT RESTRICT THE ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE  
17 PERFORMED BY A PERSON WHO IS NOT A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL.  
18 SCHOOL PERSONNEL SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY PENALTY OR DISCIPLINARY  
19 ACTION FOR REFUSING TO SERVE AS TRAINED DIABETES CARE PERSONNEL, NOR  
20 SHALL A SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT DISCOURAGE SCHOOL PERSONNEL FROM  
21 VOLUNTEERING FOR TRAINING.

22 5. NO LATER THAN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
23 THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF  
24 HEALTH, SHALL PROMULGATE FINAL REGULATIONS WITH THE GUIDELINES FOR  
25 TRAINING SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN THE CARE NEEDED FOR PUPILS WITH DIABETES.  
26 THE GUIDELINES SHALL BE DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH STATE AND  
27 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERTISE IN THE CARE OF PEOPLE  
28 WITH DIABETES AND IN THE TRAINING THEREOF INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
29 THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DIABETES  
30 EDUCATORS, AND THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES. THE  
31 TRAINING SHALL BE COORDINATED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR THE PRINCIPAL'S  
32 DESIGNEE, AND SHALL BE PROVIDED BY A SCHOOL NURSE AND/OR ANOTHER  
33 LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WITH EXPERTISE IN DIABETES. NOTWITH-  
34 STANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IT SHALL BE LAWFUL FOR A LICENSED  
35 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN THE  
36 ACTIVITIES SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION OR TO SUPER-  
37 VISE SUCH SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN PERFORMING THESE TASKS.

38 6. NO LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL OR SCHOOL PERSONNEL SHALL BE  
39 SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER PROFESSIONAL LICENSING REGULATIONS  
40 OR SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY POLICIES AS A RESULT OF TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE  
41 OF DIABETES CARE TASKS BY TRAINED DIABETES PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED BY THIS  
42 LEGISLATION. A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL, SCHOOL PERSONNEL OR  
43 ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR SECONDARY SCHOOL SHALL BE PROTECTED FROM LIABILITY  
44 FOR CIVIL DAMAGES AS PROVIDED IN SECTION THREE THOUSAND-A OF THE PUBLIC  
45 HEALTH LAW WHEN PERFORMING THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

46 7. AN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE OR SECONDARY SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY  
47 NOT RESTRICT A STUDENT WHO HAS DIABETES FROM ATTENDING ANY SCHOOL ON THE  
48 BASIS THAT THE STUDENT HAS DIABETES, THAT THE SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE A  
49 FULL-TIME SCHOOL NURSE, OR THAT THE SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE TRAINED  
50 DIABETES CARE PERSONNEL.

51 S 2. This act shall take effect on the three hundred sixty-fifth day  
52 after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective  
53 immediately, the commissioner of education may promulgate any rules or  
54 regulations necessary for the timely implementation of this act on or  
55 after such effective date.