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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commissioner of education to establish rules and regulations for a sepsis awareness and prevention program for school districts, boards of cooperative educational services and nonpublic schools

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Rory Staunton's law".

S 2. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 55 to read as follows:

55. A. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE AND REVIEW AS NECESSARY, RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO AN ONGOING SEPSIS AWARENESS, PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. IN DEVELOPING SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER COMMENTS FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PARENTS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION GROUPS. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(I) REQUIRING A MODEL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS, AND INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES RELATING TO A SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION METHODS AGAINST SEPSIS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AT NO COST FOR EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT. SUCH MODEL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS AND INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO GUIDELINES AND METHODS OF PREVENTION, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REDUCTION OF EXPOSURE TO SEPSIS AND APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION FOR SEPSIS;

(II) INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS AND MATERIALS FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH TO ENSURE SUCH TOOLS AND MATERIALS INCLUDE UPDATED DATA AND INFORMATION ON SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, WITH A PERIODIC REVIEW TO ENSURE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION; AND

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

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(III) PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE INFORMATION RELATING TO SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE DEFINITION OF "SEPSIS", RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SEPSIS, SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF SEPSIS, HOW SEPSIS MAY OCCUR, AND THE METHODS OF PREVENTION OF SEPSIS. SCHOOLS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE SUCH INFORMATION OR REFERENCE HOW TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNET WEBSITE ON THE SCHOOL'S INTERNET WEBSITE, IF ONE EXISTS.

B. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE A GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM TO EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO INFORM THEM OF THE AVAILABILITY OF SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MODEL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS AND BEST PRACTICE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL AND ANNUALLY, IN SEPTEMBER, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REMIND DISTRICTS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF SEPSIS AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MATERIALS AS A PART OF SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH.

S 3. 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, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made completed on or before such effective date.