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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Mental Health in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- reference changed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the creation of a prom and graduation safety program

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

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 19.26 to read as follows:

S 19.26 PROM AND GRADUATION SAFETY PROGRAM.

(A) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH A PROM AND GRADUATION SAFETY PROGRAM WITHIN THE OFFICE, WHICH SHALL FOCUS UPON ENSURING THE SAFETY OF ADOLESCENTS ATTENDING THEIR PROM AND CELEBRATING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

(B) THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, SHALL DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND PARENTS AND GUARDIANS WITH INFORMATION AND TIPS ON HOW TO KEEP ADOLESCENTS SAFE AND HEALTHY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE DANGERS OF THE USE AND ABUSE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, AND ILLICIT DRUGS WITH A FOCUS ON DRUGS THAT ARE PREVALENT AMONG SCHOOL-AGED YOUTH. SUCH EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING PRINTABLE BROCHURES, SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITES OF THE OFFICE AND THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SHALL BE UPDATED ANNUALLY.

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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