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Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to instruction regarding  
organ donation

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 804-e  
2     to read as follows:

3     S 804-E. INSTRUCTION RELATED TO ORGAN DONATION. 1. THE COMMISSIONER  
4     SHALL MAKE MATERIALS PROVIDING INFORMATION ON ORGAN DONATION AVAILABLE  
5     TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE.

6     2. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
7     HEALTH, SHALL IDENTIFY OR DEVELOP MATERIALS FOR EDUCATORS REGARDING  
8     ORGAN DONATION WHICH MAY BE USED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS OF COOP-  
9     ERATIVE EDUCATION SERVICES, AT THEIR OPTION, TO EDUCATE STUDENTS AS THEY  
10    DEEM APPROPRIATE. SUCH EDUCATION MATERIALS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE  
11    LIMITED TO, INFORMATION REGARDING THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DONATED ORGANS  
12    NEEDED AND/OR DONATED EVERY YEAR, THE NUMBER OF FATALITIES THAT RESULT  
13    FROM A SHORTAGE OF DONATED ORGANS, INFORMATION REGARDING REASONS WHY A  
14    PATIENT MAY NEED AN ORGAN DONATION, AND INFORMATION REGARDING HOW A  
15    STUDENT MAY ELECT TO BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR. SUCH MATERIALS SHALL BE  
16    AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THE  
17    WEBSITE OF THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE A HYPERLINK TO THE INTERNET PAGE OF  
18    THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THAT DISPLAYS SUCH MATERIALS.

19    3. INSTRUCTION REGARDING ORGAN DONATION MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE HEALTH  
20    EDUCATION PROVIDED TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS AND SHALL BE TAUGHT BY  
21    TEACHERS CERTIFIED IN HEALTH EDUCATION. RELATED COURSES IN THE SECONDARY  
22    SCHOOL CURRICULUM MAY BE TAUGHT IN A MANNER SUPPORTIVE OF HEALTH EDUCA-  
23    TION REGARDING ORGAN DONATION.

24    4. SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE THE NEEDED FACIL-  
25    ITIES, TIME, AND PLACE FOR THE INSTRUCTION SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION AND

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

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1 TO PROVIDE LEARNING AIDS AND CURRICULUM RESOURCE MATERIALS WHICH  
2 CONTRIBUTE TO EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS AND LEARNING IN HEALTH EDUCA-  
3 TION REGARDING ORGAN DONATION.  
4 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
5 the date on which it shall have become a law.