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Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to conduct on school  
property

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 2803  
2     to read as follows:

3     S 2803. UNIFORM INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM REGARDING REMOVAL OF  
4     STUDENTS AND OTHER PERSONS FROM CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOL PROPERTY. 1. THE  
5     COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE UNIFORM INCIDENT REPORTING  
6     SYSTEM WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL  
7     SERVICES AND COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION BOARDS SHALL  
8     FOLLOW.

9     2. THE UNIFORM INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM REGARDING REMOVAL OF STUDENTS  
10    AND OTHER PERSONS FROM CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOL PROPERTY SHALL CREATE A  
11    REGISTRY AND SHALL REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPER-  
12    ATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION  
13    BOARDS TO ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER IN A FORM AND BY A DATE  
14    PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING  
15    STUDENTS AND THE OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE REMOVED FROM CLASSROOMS AND  
16    SCHOOL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE:

17    A. THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE REMOVAL  
18    OF THE STUDENT OR STUDENTS OR OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS FROM A CLASSROOM  
19    OR SCHOOL PROPERTY OCCURRED;

20    B. THE NAME OF THE TEACHER, THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL AND THE LOCATION OF  
21    THE SCHOOL AT WHICH THE REMOVAL OCCURRED;

22    C. IF THE INDIVIDUAL REMOVED IS A STUDENT, THE AGE AND GRADE OF THE  
23    STUDENT;

24    D. THE REASONS STATED BY THE TEACHER FOR THE REMOVAL;

25    E. THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE SCHOOL IN RESPONSE TO THE INCIDENT;

26    F. WHETHER ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST THE STUDENT, AND  
27    IF SO, THE TYPE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE STUDENT;

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

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1 G. BY JANUARY FIRST OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT TO THE  
2 GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATURE AND THE REGENTS CONCERNING THE PREVALENCE OF  
3 INCIDENTS INVOLVING REMOVAL FROM THE CLASSROOM. THE REPORT SHALL SUMMA-  
4 RIZE THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE REGISTRY AND INCIDENT REPORTING  
5 SYSTEM AND IDENTIFY SPECIFICALLY THE SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH  
6 THE LEAST AND THE GREATEST INCIDENCE OF INCIDENTS AND THE NAMES OF  
7 TEACHERS AND NUMBER OF CLASSROOM REMOVALS INITIATED BY EACH SUCH INDI-  
8 VIDUAL TEACHER. THE REPORT SHALL ALSO, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, RELATE  
9 THE RESULTS AVAILABLE FROM THE REGISTRY, TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER ANALY-  
10 SIS AND INFORMATION AS THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES IS APPROPRIATE, TO  
11 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CLASSROOM REMOVAL MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY PARTIC-  
12 IPATING SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND

13 H. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
14 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND TO ASSURE TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE THAT  
15 THE REPORTS USED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE UNIFORM AND COMPARABLE WITH  
16 RESPECT TO THE TYPES OF INCIDENTS REPORTED AND THE RESPONSES OF THE  
17 SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS. IF THE REPORTS INDICATE A TEACHER HAS AN  
18 UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF REMOVALS OR THE REASONS FOR SAME ARE UNSATIS-  
19 FACTORY, SUCH TEACHER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE ACTION BY THE  
20 COMMISSIONER. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF  
21 ALL PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION AND SHALL ENSURE THAT ANY  
22 PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WHICH IS COLLECTED IS USED ONLY FOR  
23 ITS INTENDED PURPOSE. FURTHER, ANY INFORMATION COLLECTED UNDER THIS  
24 SECTION SHALL BE PERPETUATED IN THE REGISTRY FOR FURTHER EVALUATION BY  
25 THE COMMISSIONER.

26 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.