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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to hazing, serving alcohol to minors and illegal drug offenses

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 6430 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 75 of the laws of 2004, is amended and a new subdivi-
3 sion 7 is added to read as follows:
4 1. The trustees or other governing board of every college chartered by
5 the regents or incorporated by special act of the legislature and which
6 maintains a campus, unless otherwise provided, shall adopt written rules
7 for implementing all policies required pursuant to this article and for
8 the maintenance of public order on college campuses and other college
9 property used for educational purposes and provide a program for the
10 enforcement thereof. Such rules shall prohibit, among other things, any
11 action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers THE
12 mental or physical health [or involves the forced consumption of liquor
13 or drugs for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any
14 organization] OF ANY INDIVIDUAL. Such rules shall govern the conduct of
15 students, faculty and other staff as well as visitors and other licen-
16 sees and invitees on such campuses and property. The penalties for
17 violations of such rules shall be clearly set forth therein and shall
18 include provisions for the ejection of a violator from such campus and
19 property, in the case of a student or faculty violator his or her
20 suspension, expulsion, or other appropriate disciplinary action, and in

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

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1 the case of an organization which authorizes such conduct, rescission of
2 permission for that organization to operate on campus property. Such
3 penalties shall be in addition to any penalty pursuant to the penal law
4 or any other law to which a violator or organization may be subject.

5 7. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, ORGANIZATIONS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT
6 NOT BE LIMITED TO, RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OR STUDENT GOVERNMENT ORGANIZA-
7 TIONS OR CLUBS, ALUMNI ORGANIZATIONS, ATHLETIC TEAMS AND CLUBS, FRATER-
8 NITIES AND SORORITIES OR ANY CAMPUS OR UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION OR GROUP
9 THAT HAS ACCESS TO AND USE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES.

10 S 2. Paragraphs a and c of subdivision 3 of section 6431 of the educa-
11 tion law, as amended by chapter 13 of the laws of 2009, are amended to
12 read as follows:

13 a. educating the campus community, including security personnel and
14 those persons who advise or supervise students, about sexual assault,
15 domestic violence, BIAS RELATED CRIME, HAZING, UNDERAGE DRINKING, ILLE-
16 GAL DRUG USE, and stalking offenses pursuant to section sixty-four
17 hundred thirty-two, SECTION SIXTY-FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT-A, AND
18 SECTION SIXTY-FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT-B of this article;

19 c. reporting sexual assaults, domestic violence, HAZING, BIAS RELATED
20 CRIME, and stalking incidents and assisting victims during investi-
21 gations;

22 S 3. The education law is amended by adding two new sections 6438-a
23 and 6438-b to read as follows:

24 S 6438-A. HAZING INFORMATION AND PREVENTION. 1. EACH COLLEGE SHALL
25 ADOPT RULES THAT PROHIBIT CONDUCT WHICH INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY
26 INVOLVES THE FORCED CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, OR ANY OTHER BEHAV-
27 IOR THAT MAY ENDANGER THE MENTAL OR PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF INDI-
28 VIDUALS.

29 2. EACH COLLEGE SHALL INFORM INCOMING STUDENTS ABOUT PROHIBITIONS ON
30 HAZING THROUGH PROGRAMS WHICH MAY INCLUDE WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS,
31 DISCUSSION GROUPS AND MEDIA PRESENTATIONS, IN ORDER TO DISSEMINATE
32 INFORMATION ABOUT HAZING, PROMOTE DISCUSSION, ENCOURAGE REPORTING OF
33 INCIDENTS OF HAZING AND FACILITATE PREVENTION OF SUCH INCIDENTS. SUCH
34 INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

35 A. THE APPLICABLE LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING HAZING,
36 INCLUDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION UNDER LAW;

37 B. THE PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES IN EFFECT AT THE COLLEGE FOR DEALING
38 WITH HAZING; AND

39 C. THE AVAILABILITY OF COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE
40 VICTIMS OF HAZING.

41 3. EACH COLLEGE SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES FOR THE TRAINING OF APPROPRIATE
42 STAFF, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RESIDENT LIFE STAFF, COACHES AND
43 OTHER PERSONNEL REGARDING HAZING AND THE PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCING AND
44 REPORTING SUCH INCIDENTS TO THE PROPER COLLEGE OFFICIALS.

45 4. EACH COLLEGE SHALL REVIEW DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO ALL
46 ORGANIZATIONS AS DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION SIXTY-FOUR
47 HUNDRED THIRTY OF THIS ARTICLE. SUCH PENALTIES MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE
48 LIMITED TO, THE REVOCATION OF SUCH ORGANIZATION'S RIGHT TO OPERATE ON
49 SUCH CAMPUS, USE CAMPUS FACILITIES OR BE RECOGNIZED BY THE COLLEGE OR
50 UNIVERSITY. WHERE SUCH ORGANIZATION IS A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY,
51 COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS A GREEK LETTER ORGANIZATION, SUCH PENALTIES MAY
52 INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE RECOGNITION OF
53 SUCH ORGANIZATION FROM SUCH CAMPUS.

54 5. COLLEGE RULES MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION OF
55 STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO REPORT KNOWN INSTANCES OF HAZING AND IMMUNITY FROM
56 COLLEGE DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR GOOD FAITH REPORTING OF HAZING.

1 S 6438-B. ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE INFORMATION AND PREVENTION. 1. EACH
2 COLLEGE SHALL INFORM INCOMING STUDENTS ABOUT PROHIBITIONS ON UNDERAGE
3 DRINKING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE THROUGH PROGRAMS WHICH MAY INCLUDE WORK-
4 SHOPS, SEMINARS, DISCUSSION GROUPS AND MEDIA PRESENTATIONS IN ORDER TO
5 DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT UNDERAGE DRINKING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE,
6 PROMOTE DISCUSSION, AND FACILITATE PREVENTION OF SUCH INCIDENTS. SUCH
7 INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

8 A. THE APPLICABLE LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING UNDERAGE
9 DRINKING AND ILLEGAL DRUG USE, INCLUDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
10 UNDER LAW;

11 B. THE PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES IN EFFECT AT THE COLLEGE FOR DEALING
12 WITH UNDERAGE DRINKING AND DRUG USE; AND

13 C. THE AVAILABILITY OF COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
14 SUBSTANCE ABUSERS.

15 2. EACH COLLEGE SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES FOR THE TRAINING OF APPROPRIATE
16 STAFF, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RESIDENT LIFE STAFF, COACHES AND
17 OTHER PERSONNEL REGARDING UNDERAGE DRINKING AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE
18 AND THE PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCING AND REPORTING SUCH INCIDENTS TO THE
19 PROPER COLLEGE OFFICIALS.

20 3. EACH COLLEGE SHALL REVIEW CURRENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES PERTAIN-
21 ING TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS AS DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION
22 SIXTY-FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY OF THIS ARTICLE AND MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
23 PENALTIES REGARDING ILLEGAL DRUG USE AND UNDERAGE DRINKING.

24 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
25 the date on which it shall have become a law.