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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing an educational program and screening standards for preventing sudden cardiac arrest among student athletes

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2508 to read as follows:

S 2508. SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION AND EDUCATION. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AND THE HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY ASSOCIATION, SHALL, ON OR BEFORE AUGUST FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN, ESTABLISH:

1. A PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO PROMOTE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION, DETECTION AND EDUCATION WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE DISSEMINATION OF PAMPHLETS AND OTHER MATERIALS CONTAINING:

(A) AN EXPLANATION OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AND ITS CAUSES,

(B) ITS INCIDENCE AMONG STUDENT ATHLETES,

(C) A DESCRIPTION OF EARLY WARNING SIGNS,

(D) AN OVERVIEW OF THE OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO SCREEN FOR CARDIAC CONDITIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST INCLUDING A STATEMENT ABOUT THE LIMITATIONS OF THESE OPTIONS, AND

(E) ANY OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED RELEVANT TO THE SCREENING AND PREVENTION OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST, AND MANAGEMENT OPTIONS FOR THE CONDITIONS THAT CAUSE IT;

2. A CARDIAC SCREENING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROTOCOL TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT SKILLS OF HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS WHO PERFORM ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF CHILDREN NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(A) COMPLETING AND REVIEWING A DETAILED MEDICAL HISTORY WITH AN EMPHASIS ON CARDIOVASCULAR FAMILY HISTORY AND PERSONAL REPORTS OF SYMPTOMS,

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

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(B) IDENTIFYING SYMPTOMS OF THE CONDITIONS KNOWN TO CAUSE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST THAT MAY REQUIRE FOLLOW-UP ASSESSMENT WITH A CARDIOLOGIST,

(C) RECOGNIZING STRUCTURAL CHANGES OF THE HEART,

(D) RECOGNIZING PRODROMAL SYMPTOMS THAT PRECEDE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST,

(E) PERFORMING THE CARDIOVASCULAR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, AND

(F) REVIEWING THE MAJOR ETIOLOGIES OF SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED CARDIAC DEATH WITH AN EMPHASIS ON STRUCTURAL ABNORMALITIES, GENETIC AND ACQUIRED CONDITIONS; AND

3. A MODEL PHYSICAL EVALUATION FORM INDICATING FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS BASED ON THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN THE CARDIAC SCREENING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROTOCOL PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION AND DESIGNED TO BE COMPLETED ALONGSIDE THE HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION NINE HUNDRED THREE OF THE EDUCATION LAW.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.