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Introduced by Sens. SERINO, AMEDORE, BONACIC, FARLEY, LARKIN, LAVALLE, LITTLE, MARCHIONE, NOZZOLIO, O'MARA, RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to an education and awareness program on tick identification and protection

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 55 to read as follows:

55. THE COMMISSIONER, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SHALL DEVELOP INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS AND MATERIALS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LIBRARIES TO ASSIST IN THE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM LYME DISEASE AND TICK-BORNE INFECTIONS. RESOURCES AND MATERIALS SHALL BE AGE-APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF TICKS, RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR SAFE TICK REMOVAL AND BEST PRACTICES TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM TICKS. SUCH MATERIALS MAY INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO VIDEO PRODUCTIONS, PAMPHLETS, AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS TO ILLUSTRATE THE VARIOUS SIZES OF TICKS BEFORE AND AFTER IT HAS ENGORGED TO ASSIST WITH THE IDENTIFICATION OF A TICK AND THE REACTION ON THE SKIN THAT MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF A TICK BITE. MATERIALS AND INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS TO ADVANCE AND PROMOTE EDUCATION AWARENESS ON TICK IDENTIFICATION AND PROTECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LIBRARIES UPON REQUEST AT NO CHARGE.

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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