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Introduced by Sens. LITTLE, LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to providing that an elementary or secondary school student shall be incapable of consenting to sexual conduct with a school employee

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

Section 1. Section 130.00 of the penal law is amended by adding a new subdivision 14 to read as follows:

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- 14. "SCHOOL EMPLOYEE" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON DEFINED AS AN "EMPLOYEE" OR "VOLUNTEER" PURSUANT TO SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE OF THE EDUCATION LAW.
- S 2. Paragraph (i) of subdivision 3 of section 130.05 of the penal law, as added by section 2 of part G of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended and a new paragraph (j) is added to read as follows:
- (i) a resident inpatient of a residential facility operated, or certified by (i) the office of mental health; (ii) the office for people with developmental disabilities; or (iii) the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services, and the actor is an employee the facility not married to such resident or inpatient. For purposes of this paragraph, "employee" means either: an employee of the agency operating the residential facility, who knows or reasonably should know that such person is a resident or inpatient of such facility provides direct care services, case management services, medical or other clinical services, habilitative services or direct supervision of the residents in the facility in which the resident resides; or an offior other employee, consultant, contractor or volunteer of the residential facility, who knows or reasonably should know that the person is a resident of such facility and who is in direct contact with residents inpatients; provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph

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

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shall only apply to a consultant, contractor or volunteer providing services pursuant to a contractual arrangement with the agency operating the residential facility or, in the case of a volunteer, a written agreement with such facility, provided that the person received written notice concerning the provisions of this paragraph; provided further, however, "employee" shall not include a person with a developmental disability who is or was receiving services and is also an employee of a service provider and who has sexual contact with another service recipient who is a consenting adult who has consented to such contact[.]; OR

- (J) A STUDENT AT AN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL, AND THE ACTOR:
- (I) IS A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE AT THE SAME SCHOOL SUCH STUDENT ATTENDS, AND
- 12 (II) IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND MORE THAN FOUR YEARS OLDER 13 THAN SUCH STUDENT AT THE TIME OF THE ACT, AND
  - (III) IS NOT MARRIED TO SUCH STUDENT, AND
- 15 (IV) KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT SUCH PERSON IS A STUDENT AT 16 SUCH SCHOOL, AND
  - (V) HE OR SHE IS NOT A STUDENT AT THE SAME SCHOOL.
- 18 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-19 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.