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Introduced by Sens. TEDISCO, MARCHIONE, RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting "Jacobe's law"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Jacobe's law."

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 15-a to read as follows:

§ 15-a. Reporting by school employees. 1. School employees, as defined in paragraph a of subdivision three of this section, shall make a reasonable and good faith effort to contact the parents or guardians of the students involved in an incident of bullying or harassment after verifying, in accordance with the provisions of this article, that such incident has occurred.

2. The school employee shall contact the parent or guardian by telephone, electronic mail, regular mail or other means.

3. As used in this section:

a. "school employee" shall mean the principal, superintendent or the principal's or superintendent's designee who is charged with receiving reports of harassment, bullying and discrimination in accordance with paragraph a of subdivision one of section thirteen of this article.

b. "harassment" and "bullying" shall have the same meaning as defined under subdivision seven of section eleven of this article.

§ 3. 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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