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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

AN ACT to require the office of mental health to develop educational materials for educators regarding suicide prevention

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

Section 1. The commissioner of the office of mental health, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of education, shall provide and publish, in electronic or other format, educational materials for educators regarding suicide prevention measures and signs of depression among youth. Such educational materials shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding symptoms of depression, how depression manifests itself in different cultures, warning signs of suicide, actions to take once a youth is identified as at risk of suicide, and a list of educational websites regarding suicide and youth. Such educational materials shall be made available to educators through the official website of the office of mental health and by any other means deemed appropriate by the commissioner of the office of mental health within ninety days of the effective date of this act.

§ 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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