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Introduced by M. of A. CASTORINA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT in relation to requiring the office of mental health, the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services and the department of education to create a behavioral health website

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

Section 1. Behavioral health website. 1. The office of mental health, in conjunction with the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services and the department of education shall create and maintain a website which shall provide information on behavioral health issues. Such issues shall include, but shall not be limited to, depression, eating disorders, anxiety, schizophrenia, post-traumatic stress disorder and bipolar disorder.

2. Such behavioral health information, as required by subdivision one of this section shall include, but shall not be limited to, signs and symptoms of the behavioral health issues and coping mechanisms to assist individuals dealing with such behavioral health issues.

3. The behavioral health website shall maintain a resource guide listing contact information of local behavioral health resources and shall be organized by county. Such contact information shall include the name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and website, if any, of the behavioral health resources.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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