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Introduced by Sens. MURPHY, FUNKE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- 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 the creation of a school-based teen dating violence prevention program

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

1 Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 57 to read as follows:

3 57. School-based teen dating violence prevention program. a. The
4 commissioner shall consult and collaborate with the commissioner of
5 health, the office for the prevention of domestic violence and organiza-
6 tions that promote teen dating violence awareness, prevention and educa-
7 tion, as well as other interested parties, to establish and develop a
8 school-based teen dating violence prevention program within the depart-
9 ment. Such program shall be defined by the commissioner in regulations
10 after consultation with the department of health and the office for the
11 prevention of domestic violence and be designed to educate students,
12 parents and school personnel about healthy relationship behaviors, teen
13 dating violence awareness and prevention. The teen dating violence
14 awareness prevention program shall include but not be limited to:

15 (i) age-appropriate model curriculum, exemplar lesson plans and best
16 practice instructional resources for students, parents and school
17 personnel developed or approved to promote awareness of healthy
18 relationship behaviors and teen dating violence prevention. Such model
19 curriculum, lesson plans and instructional resources shall include but
20 not be limited to information on healthy relationship behaviors and teen
21 dating violence, recognizing the warning signs of teen dating violence,

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

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1 and a discussion of local community resources that are available to
2 teens in an abusive relationship;

3 (ii) instructional tools and materials for students, parents and
4 school personnel developed or approved in collaboration with the commis-
5 sioner of health and the office for the prevention of domestic violence,
6 which shall include updated data and information on healthy relationship
7 behaviors and teen dating violence awareness and prevention, with a
8 review of such data and information to occur periodically, at intervals
9 deemed appropriate by the commissioner, the commissioner of health and
10 the office for prevention of domestic violence; and

11 (iii) public availability of all materials related to the teen dating
12 violence awareness prevention program on a dedicated webpage on the
13 department's internet website, and all materials shall be provided at no
14 cost to every school district, board of cooperative educational
15 services, charter school and nonpublic school upon request.

16 b. The commissioner shall issue a guidance memorandum to every school
17 district, board of cooperative educational services, charter school and
18 nonpublic school, to inform them of the availability of the teen dating
19 violence awareness prevention program and to encourage them to work and
20 collaborate with local organizations that promote teen dating violence
21 awareness, prevention and education and to develop policies and proce-
22 dures on responding to incidents of teen dating violence and healthy
23 relationship initiatives. The commissioner shall annually remind school
24 districts, boards of cooperative educational services, charter schools
25 and nonpublic schools, of the availability of teen dating violence
26 awareness and prevention materials as part of teen dating violence
27 awareness and prevention month.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
29 the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that
30 effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule
31 or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effec-
32 tive date are authorized to be made or completed on or before such
33 effective date.