STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring notification to parents and guardians of the ability to opt out of the school's release of information to military recruiters

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 56 to read as follows:

56. a. The commissioner shall require all school districts to provide notice to each student and to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the school district that, in accordance with federal law, the student or the parent or guardian of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone number not be released to military recruiters. This notice shall:

(i) be included in a clear and conspicuous manner and in the same size type as the other statements on the letter requesting emergency contact information that is distributed by the school district to each student or parent or guardian of the student; and

(ii) request that the student or the parent or guardian of the student indicate whether the student's name, address, and telephone number are to be released to military recruiters by checking either the box "release contact information" or "do not release contact information".

b. On or before October first and March first of each school year, the principal of each school shall submit a list to that school's local educational agency that includes the name, address, and telephone number of each student whose contact information is not to be released to military recruiters.

§ 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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