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## IN SENATE

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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:

1 Section 1. The commissioner of the office of mental health, in consul-  
2 tation with the commissioner of the department of education, shall  
3 provide and publish, in electronic or other format, educational materi-  
4 als for educators regarding suicide prevention measures and signs of  
5 depression among youth. Such educational materials shall include, but  
6 not be limited to, information regarding symptoms of depression, how  
7 depression manifests itself in different cultures, warning signs of  
8 suicide, actions to take once a youth is identified as at risk of  
9 suicide, and a list of educational websites regarding suicide and youth.  
10 Such educational materials shall be made available to educators through  
11 the official website of the office of mental health and by any other  
12 means deemed appropriate by the commissioner of the office of mental  
13 health within ninety days of the effective date of this act.  
14 § 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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