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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 -- recommitted to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

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 any New York state university or community college, or a city
5 university, regarding suicide prevention measures and signs of
6 depression among students attending such university or community
7 college, or a city university. Such educational materials shall include,
8 but not be limited to, information regarding symptoms of depression, how
9 depression manifests itself in different cultures, warning signs of
10 suicide, actions to take once a student is identified as at risk of
11 suicide, and a list of educational websites regarding suicide and
12 students attending a university or college. Such educational materials
13 shall be made available to the faculty and staff or any New York state
14 university or community college, or a city university, through the offi-
15 cial website of the office of mental health and by any other means
16 deemed appropriate by the commissioner of the office of mental health
17 within ninety days of the effective date of this act.
18   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.