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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Commit-
    tee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to instruction regarding
    the prevention and reporting of sexual abuse and assault

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

 1   Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 803-b
 2 to read as follows:
 3   *§ 803-b. Health education regarding prevention of sexual abuse and*
 4 *assault. 1. All public schools shall include, as an integral part of*
 5 *health education, instruction concerning the recognition, avoidance,*
 6 *refusal and reporting of incidences of sexual abuse and assault.   Such*
 7 *instruction shall reflect current practices and standards in the*
 8 *prevention of sexual abuse and assault of children.*
 9   *2. Age appropriate instruction concerning the recognition, avoidance,*
10 *refusal and reporting of incidences of sexual abuse and assault included*
11 *in the health education provided to students at the elementary school*
12 *grades may be taught by a regular classroom teacher or by a certified*
13 *teacher holding a certificate to teach health education. Instruction*
14 *concerning the recognition, avoidance, refusal and reporting of inci-*
15 *dences of sexual abuse and assault included in the health education*
16 *provided to students at the secondary school grades shall be taught by*
17 *teachers certified to teach health education.*
18   *3. Teachers shall be provided with the appropriate training and*
19 *curricula materials concerning the avoidance and reporting of child*
20 *sexual abuse and assault.*
21   § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
22 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law, provided,
23 however, that effective immediately the commissioner of education is
24 authorized to adopt any rules or regulations necessary to implement the
25 provisions of this act on such effective date.