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Introduced by M. of A. ARROYO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing an educational program related to the prevention of sexual harassment in schools

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. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and
4 subject to an appropriation, the department shall contract with an
5 outside entity who has expertise in sexual harassment training in
6 schools to establish a sexual harassment prevention and education
7 program overseen by such department. The commissioner shall work with
8 such outside entity, to establish and develop an educational program
9 within such department related to the prevention of sexual harassment in
10 grades kindergarten through twelve. Such program shall be further
11 defined by such commissioner in regulation and shall be designed to
12 educate students, parents and school personnel about the prevention of
13 sexual harassment in schools. Such commissioner, in collaboration with
14 any other stakeholder groups deemed appropriate by such commissioner,
15 shall develop:

16 a. age-appropriate model curriculum resources, including exemplar
17 lesson plans, and best practice instructional resources for students,
18 parents and school personnel designed to prevent sexual harassment in
19 schools. Such model curriculum, resources, lesson plans and instruc-
20 tional resources shall include but not be limited to guidelines and
21 methods of prevention, indicators and warning signs of sexual harass-
22 ment, guidelines and methods to prevent sexual harassment and how to
23 report complaints of sexual harassment in schools;

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

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1 b. instructional tools and materials for students, parents and school
2 personnel, which shall include updated data and information on
3 complaints of sexual harassment in schools, with a review of such data
4 and information to occur periodically, at intervals deemed appropriate
5 by such commissioner; and

6 c. public availability of all materials related to the sexual harass-
7 ment education program on such department's website.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
9 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the
10 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
11 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
12 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.