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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Women's Issues

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to enacting the "public university emergency contraception education act"

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

Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature finds that access to emergency contraception is a basic measure that can prevent college students from having an unwanted pregnancy. The federal Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of emergency contraception as safe and effective in the prevention of pregnancy. Emergency contraception has been found to have no effect on an established pregnancy. Medical research strongly indicates that the sooner emergency contraception is administered, the better the chance of preventing an unwanted pregnancy. Therefore, the legislature deems it essential that each college and university of the state university of New York and the city university of New York provide information on emergency contraception to its students and makes it available to any student who seeks it whenever practicable and in accordance with applicable law and professional standards of practice.

§ 2. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "public university emergency contraception education act".

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (p) to read as follows:

(p) A statewide emergency contraception college education and awareness program. For the purpose of this paragraph, "emergency contraception" shall mean one or more prescription drugs, used separately or in combination, in a dosage and manner for preventing pregnancy when used after intercourse, found safe and effective for that use by the United States Food and Drug Administration, and dispensed for that purpose in accordance with applicable law and professional standards of practice.

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

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The department shall develop, produce and distribute to every college and university of the state university of New York and the city university of New York informational materials and posters relating to the safety and efficacy of emergency contraception, to be conspicuously displayed at appropriate locations around each campus and distributed to students in a manner to be determined by each college and university. The materials and posters shall explain the nature of emergency contraception, including that it is deemed safe and effective in preventing pregnancy by the federal Food and Drug Administration, and cannot and does not cause abortions.

In implementing the provisions of this paragraph the department shall consult with representatives of reproductive health care providers, students and appropriate university officials.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.