

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Galef) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating a document giving notice to parents and guardians of school age students who are diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition or a medical condition that may cause a disability

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Shepherd
2 Patterson law".

3 § 2. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new
4 subdivision 60 to read as follows:

5 60. a. Beginning in the two thousand twenty-three--two thousand twen-
6 ty-four school year, the commissioner shall direct the board of educa-
7 tion or trustees, as defined in section two of this chapter, of every
8 school district within the state, however created, and the chancellor of
9 the city school district of the city of New York to create a document
10 giving notice to parents and guardians of school age students who are
11 diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition or a medical condi-
12 tion that may cause a disability.

13 b. Such document shall include a statement in substantially the
14 following form: "If you find yourself in a situation where your child is
15 diagnosed with a life-threatening illness or a medical condition that
16 may cause a disability, your child may be eligible for a personalized
17 education plan. We encourage you to reach out to our school nurse, our
18 school social worker or your child's guidance counselor. Besides compil-
19 ing a plan, there are many benefits to sharing medical information with
20 school personnel, as it has life-saving potential should a medical emer-
21 gency occur."

22 c. Each school district shall include such statement in their hand-
23 book, and each school district shall also provide this document to the
24 parents or guardians as follows:

25 (i) upon the initial registration of any student within every school
26 district;

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

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1 (ii) at the beginning of each school year; and
2 (iii) additionally, at the time a student has been excused absent,
3 tardy or early departure a combined total of ten times.

4 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately,
5 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-
6 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
7 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.