STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 19, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing medically accurate instruction regarding human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

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

Section 1. The section heading of section 804 of the education law, as amended by chapter 390 of the laws of 2016, is amended and a new subdivision 5-a is added to read as follows:

Health education regarding mental health, alcohol, drugs, tobacco abuse [~~and~~], the prevention and detection of certain cancers**, and instruction concerning human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome**.

5-a. Instruction regarding human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), including but not limited to medically accurate information concerning the nature of such diseases, methods of transmission, and methods of prevention shall be provided in all elementary and secondary schools. Any such course shall be taught by teachers holding a certificate to teach health.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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