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Introduced by Sens. SERINO, RITCHIE, TEDISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to rules and regulations concerning removal of ticks from pupils

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 60 to read as follows:

3 60. The commissioner, in conjunction with the commissioner of health,
4 shall promulgate and review as necessary rules and regulations related
5 to pupils who have a tick removed from them while receiving instruction
6 or engaging in any school sponsored or related activity. Such regu-
7 lations shall include but not be limited to:

8 (a) Tick removal guidelines for school nurses, school physicians,
9 teachers or employees of a school district to be developed by the
10 commissioner of health.

11 (b) Procedures for written notification to a parent or guardian after
12 a tick has been removed from a pupil. Written notification shall
13 include, but not be limited to, the inclusion of informational materials
14 developed by the commissioner of health about the spread of Lyme
15 disease and tick-borne disease, signs and symptoms of Lyme or tick-borne
16 diseases, and recommendations for how and when to seek medical treatment
17 if needed.

18 (c) The development of informational materials for school districts
19 and parents to be provided on the websites of the department and the
20 department of health.

21 The rules and regulations established pursuant to this subdivision
22 shall be deemed to be the minimum standards that must be complied with
23 by every public school relating to the removal of ticks on pupils. Such

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

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1 rules and regulations may also be implemented by nonpublic schools if
2 they so authorize.

3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
4 it shall have become a law.