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Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL, BUTTENSCHON, SEAWRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Higher Education in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to opioid overdose prevention in college housing

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6438-a to read as follows:

§ 6438-a. Opioid overdose prevention in college housing. 1. Every campus of the state university of New York and every campus of the city university of New York shall provide training in the administration of opioid antagonists pursuant to a program approved under section thirty-three hundred nine of the public health law to every resident assistant employed by such campus. Such campuses shall provide and maintain onsite in each college-owned or college-operated housing opioid antagonists, as defined in section thirty-three hundred nine of the public health law, in quantities and types deemed by the commissioner of health. Such opioid antagonists shall be accessible by every resident assistant for use during emergencies to any student, staff or other individual on college-owned or college-operated housing premises suspected of having an opioid overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse.

2. Each campus of the state university of New York and every campus of the city university of New York may designate additional employees who volunteer to administer opioid antagonists in the event a resident assistant is not physically present at a suspected overdose incident,

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

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provided that such employee is trained in the administration of opioid antagonists by a program approved under section thirty-three hundred nine of the public health law.

3. Any person or entity acting reasonably and in good faith in compliance with this section shall not be subject to criminal, civil or administrative liability solely by reason of such action.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.