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Introduced by M. of A. FRONTUS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to a course of study in awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse for special needs children

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 803-c to read as follows:

§ 803-c. Course of study in awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse for children with special needs. 1. All pupils with special needs in New York state shall receive instruction designed to promote awareness and prevent child sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse of children with special needs. Such program shall be taught in community schools, specialized school districts, district seventy-five schools in the city of New York, hospital setting schools, and any other school where students with special needs are receiving services. Such program shall be defined by the commissioner in regulations after consultation with the department of health and be designed to specifically teach students with special needs about the prevention of child sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse in grades kindergarten through eight. Such instruction shall include teaching methods designed for children with special needs including, but not limited to, learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries.

2. All alternative and augmented communication devices issued to students in New York state shall contain a reporting tool for child sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse. Students with limited communication skills who are issued alternative and augmented communication devices shall be taught how to use such reporting tool, and the proper situations warranting the use of such reporting tool.

§ 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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