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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:

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 60 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

The rules and regulations established pursuant to this subdivision shall be deemed to be the minimum standards that must be complied with 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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rules and regulations may also be implemented by nonpublic schools if they so authorize.

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