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Introduced by Sens. REICHLIN-MELNICK, MAYER, BIAGGI, BRISPORT, JACKSON, PALUMBO, STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating a document giving notice to parents and guardians of school age students who are diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition or a medical condition that may cause a disability

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Shepherd
2 Patterson law".

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

5 60. a. Beginning in the two thousand twenty-three--two thousand twen-
6 ty-four school year, the commissioner shall direct the board of educa-
7 tion or trustees, as defined in section two of this chapter, of every
8 school district within the state, however created, and the chancellor of
9 the city school district of the city of New York to create a document
10 giving notice to parents and guardians of school age students who are
11 diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition or a medical condi-
12 tion that may cause a disability.

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

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1 b. Such document shall include a statement in substantially the
2 following form: "If you find yourself in a situation where your child is
3 diagnosed with a life-threatening illness or a medical condition that
4 may cause a disability, your child may be eligible for a personalized
5 education plan. We encourage you to reach out to our school nurse, our
6 school social worker or your child's guidance counselor. Besides compil-
7 ing a plan, there are many benefits to sharing medical information with
8 school personnel, as it has life-saving potential should a medical emer-
9 gency occur."

10 c. Each school district shall include such statement in their hand-
11 book, and each school district shall also provide this document to the
12 parents or guardians as follows:

13 (i) upon the initial registration of any student within every school
14 district;

15 (ii) at the beginning of each school year; and

16 (iii) additionally, at the time a student has been excused absent,
17 tardy or early departure a combined total of ten times.

18 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately,
19 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-
20 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
21 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.