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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of education to develop a notice and consent form for the notification of parents and guardians of college students that are identified as potentially at-risk for suicide

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 consultation with the commissioner of mental health, shall develop a notice and consent form to be provided to students and parents by colleges and universities in the state upon acceptance of prospective students to college or university, authorizing permission to contact the parents or guardians of students identified as potentially at-risk for suicide. Such form shall:

a. be included in a clear and conspicuous manner and in the same size type as the other documents provided with the college acceptance letter sent to the prospective student;

b. request that the student or the parent or guardian of the student indicate whether the college may notify the parents or guardians of the student as to such student's mental well-being by checking either the box "notify parents" or "do not notify parents"; and

c. authorize any employee who is employed by, or affiliated with the college, and who through their employment is in a position to identify a student who is potentially at risk for suicide, to report such belief to the college president or chief administrative officer. The college president or chief administrative officer of the college shall, after consultation with a mental health professional, notify the parents or guardians of such student's mental well-being.

§ 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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