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Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- 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 the creation of a school-based teen dating violence prevention program

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

1 Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 57 to read as follows:

3 57. School-based teen dating violence prevention program. a. The  
4 commissioner shall consult and collaborate with the commissioner of  
5 health, the office for the prevention of domestic violence and organiza-  
6 tions that promote teen dating violence awareness, prevention and educa-  
7 tion, as well as other interested parties, to establish and develop a  
8 school-based teen dating violence prevention program within the depart-  
9 ment. Such program shall be defined by the commissioner in regulations  
10 after consultation with the department of health and the office for the  
11 prevention of domestic violence and be designed to educate students,  
12 parents and school personnel about healthy relationship behaviors, teen  
13 dating violence awareness and prevention. The teen dating violence  
14 awareness prevention program shall include but not be limited to:

15 (i) age-appropriate model curriculum, exemplar lesson plans and best  
16 practice instructional resources for students, parents and school  
17 personnel developed or approved to promote awareness of healthy  
18 relationship behaviors and teen dating violence prevention. Such model  
19 curriculum, lesson plans and instructional resources shall include but  
20 not be limited to information on healthy relationship behaviors and teen  
21 dating violence, recognizing the warning signs of teen dating violence,  
22 and a discussion of local community resources that are available to  
23 teens in an abusive relationship;

24 (ii) instructional tools and materials for students, parents and  
25 school personnel developed or approved in collaboration with the commis-

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

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1 sioner of health and the office for the prevention of domestic violence,  
2 which shall include updated data and information on healthy relationship  
3 behaviors and teen dating violence awareness and prevention, with a  
4 review of such data and information to occur periodically, at intervals  
5 deemed appropriate by the commissioner, the commissioner of health and  
6 the office for prevention of domestic violence; and

7 (iii) public availability of all materials related to the teen dating  
8 violence awareness prevention program on a dedicated webpage on the  
9 department's internet website, and all materials shall be provided at no  
10 cost to every school district, board of cooperative educational  
11 services, charter school and nonpublic school upon request.

12 b. The commissioner shall issue a guidance memorandum to every school  
13 district, board of cooperative educational services, charter school and  
14 nonpublic school, to inform them of the availability of the teen dating  
15 violence awareness prevention program and to encourage them to work and  
16 collaborate with local organizations that promote teen dating violence  
17 awareness, prevention and education and to develop policies and proce-  
18 dures on responding to incidents of teen dating violence and healthy  
19 relationship initiatives. The commissioner shall annually remind school  
20 districts, boards of cooperative educational services, charter schools  
21 and nonpublic schools, of the availability of teen dating violence  
22 awareness and prevention materials as part of teen dating violence  
23 awareness and prevention month.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
25 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the  
26 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
27 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized  
28 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.