STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

Introduced by Sen. CHU -- 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 requiring high schools to provide a course in basic first aid and requiring students to complete such a course as a condition of graduation

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 819 to read as follows:

§ 819. Instruction relating to first aid. 1. The commissioner is hereby directed to provide and prescribe a course of instruction on first aid for high school students in grades nine through twelve which shall include, but not be limited to, recognizing shock, minor wound care, choking, and minor burns. Such course shall offer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from an approved provider in order for such students to become certified. Such course on first aid shall be taught on a pass/fail basis and shall not affect the students' grade point average.

2. School authorities shall provide the needed facilities, time, and place for the instruction set forth in this section and shall provide learning aids and curriculum resource materials which contribute to effective teaching methods and learning.

3. As a condition of graduation from high school, a student shall attend and pass the course on first aid; provided, however, students with a disability pursuant to subdivision one of section forty-four hundred one of this chapter are exempt from the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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