

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 24, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring parental consent for sexual health education for certain students

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 818 to read as follows:

§ 818. Sexual health education; parental consent. 1. For the purposes of this section, "sexual health education" shall mean education regarding human development and sexuality, including but not limited to education on pregnancy, contraception and sexually transmitted infections.

2. Any public school district providing sexual health education to students ten years of age or younger shall, no later than thirty days prior to the start of an academic year, provide a parent or legal guardian of every student ten years of age or younger with written notice of the curriculum of such sexual health education and a parental consent form.

3. If such parental consent form is not signed by at least one of a student's parents or a legal guardian and returned to the relevant school authorities prior to the start of the academic year, such student shall be excluded from any sexual health education.

4. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit any instruction pursuant to section eight hundred three-b of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to academic years beginning on or after such effective date.

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

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