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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law and the public health law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of education to establish standards, rules or regulations requiring that all chaperones or volunteers of school trips which involve taking students out of the state or out of the country be trained in first aid and to recognize certain medical emergencies

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 63 to read as follows:

63. The commissioner, in collaboration with the commissioner of health, shall promulgate such standards, rules and regulations as may be necessary to ensure that students who are on an out of the state or out of the country school sanctioned activity or trip shall be accompanied by at least one person who is trained in first aid and to recognize and respond to certain medical emergencies at all times while the students are out of the state or out of the country. Such standards, rules and regulations shall provide that chaperones and volunteers of any school sanctioned activity or trip which conveys students out of the state or out of the country shall be trained in first aid and to recognize and respond to certain medical emergencies. The commissioner of health shall assist the commissioner in determining the medical emergencies chaperones and volunteers shall be trained to recognize and respond to. For the purposes of this subdivision, the terms "chaperone" and "volunteer" shall mean any adult who accompanies students on an excursion out of the state or out of the country, regardless of whether such adult is employed by the school district.

§ 2. Section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 32 to read as follows:

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

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32. The commissioner shall assist the commissioner of education in promulgating standards, rules, and regulations relating to requiring chaperones and volunteers of school sanctioned activities or trips which convey students out of the state or out of the country to be trained in first aid and determining the medical emergencies chaperones and volunteers shall be trained to recognize and respond to when accompanying students on such trips or activities.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.