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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring a CPR certified staff member to be present in school cafeterias during lunchtimes

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Stella's law".

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3001-e to read as follows:

§ 3001-e. First aid, CPR, and Heimlich certification requirement. 1. For the purposes of this section: (a) "Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)" shall have the same meaning as in subdivision three of section twenty-nine hundred ninety-four-a of the public health law.

(b) "Heimlich" or "Heimlich maneuver" shall mean a first-aid procedure for dislodging an obstruction from a person's windpipe in which a sudden strong pressure is applied on the abdomen, between the navel and the rib cage.

2. In addition to any provision of law or rule or regulation of the department related to the requirements necessary for teachers and staff within New York schools, it shall be required that at least one adult faculty or staff member of the school be certified in first aid, CPR, and the Heimlich maneuver and be present and monitoring students in the school's cafeteria during all lunchtimes of primary and secondary schools.

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

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

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