STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring every new student at a state university of New York and a city university of New York campus receive training at orientation in the administration of opioid antagonists

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

Section 1. Section 6438-a of the education law, as added by chapter 580 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

§ 6438-a. Opioid overdose prevention [~~in college housing~~]. 1. Every campus of the state university of New York and every campus of the city university of New York shall provide training in the administration of opioid antagonists pursuant to a program approved under section thirty-three hundred nine of the public health law to every **new student at orientation and to every** resident assistant employed by such campus. Such campuses shall provide and maintain onsite in each college-owned or college-operated [~~housing~~] **building** opioid antagonists, as defined in section thirty-three hundred nine of the public health law, in quantities and types deemed by the commissioner of health. Such opioid antagonists shall be accessible by every resident assistant**, student, staff or other individual** for use during emergencies to any student, staff or other individual on college-owned or college-operated [~~housing premises~~] **buildings** suspected of having an opioid overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid abuse.

2. Each campus of the state university of New York and every campus of the city university of New York may designate additional employees who volunteer to administer opioid antagonists [~~in the event a resident assistant is not physically present~~] at a suspected overdose incident, provided that such employee is trained in the administration of opioid

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

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antagonists by a program approved under section thirty-three hundred nine of the public health law.

3. Any person or entity acting reasonably and in good faith in compliance with this section shall not be subject to criminal, civil or administrative liability solely by reason of such action.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.