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Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN, REYES, PHEFFER AMATO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring school districts to provide information regarding water safety information to certain parents or students upon enrollment

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 926 to read as follows:

§ 926. Water safety information. 1. At the beginning of the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven school year, each school district shall provide, to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in such school district, information on drowning prevention, water safety, and safe and healthy swimming. Each school year thereafter such information shall be provided to the parent or guardian of a student upon enrollment in the school district. If the student is eighteen years of age or older, such information shall be provided to the student. Such information may be provided electronically or in paper form. Translation of such information into any of the twelve most common non-English languages spoken by limited-English proficient individuals in the state, based on the data in the most recent American community survey published by the United States census bureau, shall be provided upon request by a parent or guardian.

2. The commissioner of health shall produce and update, as deemed necessary, such information in consultation with the commissioner. The commissioner shall provide such information to each school district. Each school district shall publish such information on its website in a clearly visible and accessible location.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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

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