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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a statewide school safety tip line

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 319 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 319. Statewide school safety tip line. 1. The commissioner shall
4 establish a statewide school safety tip line. The tip line shall be a
5 statewide telecommunications resource that accepts information via tele-
6 phone, text message, the internet, or any other medium for the purpose
7 of reporting information related to incidents of students causing harm
8 to the physical or mental health of another student or school employee,
9 or a threat of such harm.

10 2. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary
11 to operate the tip line, including, but not limited to:

12 (a) provisions which protect the personally identifiable information
13 of the person reporting information but which permit local law enforce-
14 ment or school personnel to follow up on such reports or obtain further
15 information from the person making the report;

16 (b) procedures for logging reports received on the tip line;

17 (c) referral of information to school districts or law enforcement;
18 and

19 (d) tracking outcomes of any action taken in response to the referral.

20 3. Any person authorized to receive personally identifiable informa-
21 tion through the tip line may only disclose such information for the
22 purpose of making follow-up contact or obtaining or providing further
23 information, unless such disclosure is required by another provision of
24 law.

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

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1 4. Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from releasing
2 aggregated or summary data for reporting purposes; or educating the
3 public about the tip line through narratives of cases, without disclo-
4 sure of personally identifiable information.

5 5. Every public school building shall display one or more signs adver-
6 tising the tip line that is visible to school employees, students, and
7 parents or guardians.

8 6. The statewide tip line mandated under this section shall not
9 preclude operation of any other such tip line or other similar resource
10 operated regionally or by a school district in this state.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
12 have become a law.