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

AN ACT to amend the education law and the public health law, in relation to requiring opioid antagonists in student gathering places at colleges and universities and requiring college and university emergency medical services to carry opioid antagonists

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

1 Section 1. Section 922 of the education law, as amended by chapter 68
2 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 922. Opioid overdose prevention. 1. School districts, public
4 libraries, boards of cooperative educational services, county vocational
5 education and extension boards, charter schools, ~~[and]~~ non-public
6 elementary and secondary schools, universities, colleges and insti-
7 tutions in this state ~~[may]~~ shall provide and maintain on-site in each
8 instructional school facility, main student gathering center or library,
9 opioid antagonists, as defined in section three thousand three hundred
10 nine of the public health law, in quantities and types deemed by the
11 commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, to be
12 adequate to ensure ready and appropriate access for use during emergen-
13 cies to any student, individual on library premises or staff suspected
14 of having opioid overdose whether or not there is a previous history of
15 opioid abuse.

16 2. School districts, public libraries, boards of cooperative educa-
17 tional services, county vocational education and extension boards, char-
18 ter schools, ~~[and]~~ non-public elementary and secondary schools, univer-
19 sities, colleges and institutions in this state ~~[may elect to]~~ shall
20 participate as an opioid antagonist recipient and any person employed by
21 any such entity ~~[that has elected to participate]~~ may administer an
22 opioid antagonist in the event of an emergency, provided that such
23 person shall have been trained by a program approved under section three

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

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1 thousand three hundred nine of the public health law. Any school
2 district, public library, board of cooperative educational services,
3 county vocational education and extension board, charter school, ~~[and]~~
4 non-public elementary and secondary school, university, college and
5 institution that has employees trained in accordance with this section
6 shall comply with the requirements of section three thousand three
7 hundred nine of the public health law including, but not limited to,
8 appropriate clinical oversight, record keeping and reporting. No person
9 shall be required to participate in the program and any participation by
10 an individual shall be voluntary.

11 § 2. Subparagraph (v) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section
12 3309 of the public health law, as added by chapter 148 of the laws of
13 2020, is amended to read as follows:

14 (v) As used in this section, "entity" includes, but is not limited to,
15 a school district, public library, board of cooperative educational
16 services, county vocational education and extension board, charter
17 school, non-public elementary or secondary school, restaurant, bar,
18 retail store, shopping mall, barber shop, beauty parlor, theater, sport-
19 ing or event center, inn, hotel ~~[or]~~, motel, university, college or
20 institution.

21 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 3000-b of the public health law is
22 amended by adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

23 (e) "Opioid antagonist" shall have the same meaning as set forth in
24 subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision three of section thir-
25 ty-three hundred nine of this chapter.

26 § 4. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3004-b
27 to read as follows:

28 § 3004-b. College and university campus emergency medical services;
29 opioid antagonists. Every emergency medical services system which serves
30 the campus of a college or university in the state shall be required to
31 carry at all times and have readily available an opioid antagonist. For
32 the purposes of this section, "opioid antagonist" means naloxone, narkan
33 or any other medication approved by the department of health and the
34 federal food and drug administration that, when administered, negates or
35 neutralizes in whole or in part the pharmacological effects of an opioid
36 in the human body.

37 § 5. The education law is amended by adding a new section 925 to read
38 as follows:

39 § 925. College and university campus emergency medical services;
40 opioid antagonists. Every emergency medical services system which serves
41 the campus of a college or university in the state shall be required to
42 carry at all times and have readily available an opioid antagonist
43 pursuant to section three thousand four-b of the public health law.

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