

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 20, 2026

Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to expanding opioid overdose prevention measures in certain settings

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 elemen-
6 tary and secondary schools in this state [~~may~~] **shall** provide and main-
7 tain on-site in each instructional school facility or library, opioid
8 antagonists, as defined in section three thousand three hundred nine of
9 the public health law, in quantities and types deemed by the commis-
10 sioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, to be adequate to
11 ensure ready and appropriate access for use during emergencies to any
12 student, individual on library premises or staff suspected of having
13 opioid overdose whether or not there is a previous history of opioid
14 abuse.

15 2. School districts, public libraries, boards of cooperative educa-
16 tional services, county vocational education and extension boards, char-
17 ter schools, and non-public elementary and secondary schools in this
18 state [~~may~~] **shall** elect to participate as an opioid antagonist recipient
19 and any person employed by any such entity that has elected to partic-
20 ipate may administer an opioid antagonist in the event of an emergency,
21 provided that such person shall have been trained by a program approved
22 under section three thousand three hundred nine of the public health
23 law. Any school district, public library, board of cooperative educa-
24 tional services, county vocational education and extension board, char-
25 ter school, and non-public elementary and secondary school that has
26 employees trained in accordance with this section shall comply with the
27 requirements of section three thousand three hundred nine of the public

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

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1 health law including, but not limited to, appropriate clinical over-
2 sight, record keeping and reporting. No person shall be required to
3 participate in the program and any participation by an individual shall
4 be voluntary.
5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.