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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ, GOTTFRIED, PAULIN, SIMOTAS, COOK, COLTON, ENGLEBRIGHT, GUNTHER, TITUS, WALKER, RODRIGUEZ, MALLIOTAKIS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ABBATE, ARROYO, BARCLAY, FAHY, GIGLIO, LAVINE, McDONOUGH, ORTIZ, RA, RAIA, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to child sexual abuse awareness

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 60 to read as follows:

60. a. The commissioner shall consult and collaborate with the commissioner of health and appropriate organizations that have expertise in the prevention of child sexual exploitation and child abuse, as well as other interested parties, to establish and develop a program within the department related to the prevention of child sexual exploitation and child abuse in grades kindergarten through eight. Such program shall be defined by the commissioner in regulations after consultation with the department of health and be designed to educate students, parents and school personnel about the prevention of child sexual exploitation and child abuse in grades kindergarten through eight. Such program shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) age-appropriate model curriculum, exemplar lesson plans, and best practice instructional resources for students, parents and school personnel designed to promote the prevention of child sexual exploitation and child abuse. Such model curriculum, lesson plans and instructional resources shall include but not be limited to guidelines and methods of prevention, including recommendations to address this issue;

(ii) instructional tools and materials for students, parents and school personnel developed in collaboration with the commissioner of health, which shall include updated data and information on the

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

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1 prevention of child sexual exploitation and child abuse, with a review
2 of such data and information to occur periodically, at intervals deemed
3 appropriate by the commissioner and the commissioner of health; and

4 (iii) public availability of all materials related to such awareness,
5 prevention and education programs on a dedicated webpage on the depart-
6 ment's internet website, and provided at no cost to every school
7 district, board of cooperative educational services, charter school and
8 nonpublic school upon request.

9 b. The commissioner shall issue a guidance memorandum to every school
10 district, board of cooperative educational services, charter school and
11 nonpublic school, to inform them of the availability of the prevention
12 of child sexual exploitation and child abuse program. The commissioner
13 shall annually remind school districts, boards of cooperative educa-
14 tional services, charter schools and nonpublic schools, of the avail-
15 ability of prevention of child sexual exploitation and child abuse mate-
16 rials in grades kindergarten through eight.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
18 the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that
19 effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule
20 or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effec-
21 tive date are authorized to be made or completed on or before such
22 effective date.