

Relates to posting the child abuse hotline telephone number in public and charter schools.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. Crespo of A. MILLER, BENEDETTO, SEPULVEDA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -
- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to posting the child abuse hotline telephone number in schools

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 409-1 to read as follows:

§ 409-1. Posting child abuse hotline telephone number. 1. Every public school including charter schools shall post in English and in Spanish the toll-free telephone number operated by the office of children and family services to receive reports of child abuse or neglect established under section four hundred twenty-two of the social services law and directions for accessing the office of children and family services website.

2. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations relating to the posting required by subdivision one of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the commissioner of education is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take any other measures necessary to implement this act on its effective date on or before such date.

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

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NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)

BILL NUMBER: A6961A

SPONSOR: Miller

TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the education law, in relation to posting the child abuse hotline telephone number in schools

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF THE BILL:

The purpose of this bill is to protect students by allowing them to self-report abuse if they are being abused and posting a number for a child abuse hotline in schools.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:

Section 1 adds new section 409-1 to the education law requiring that each public school and charter school post a child abuse hotline number that is clearly visible in a location that is readily accessible for students.

JUSTIFICATION:

Nationwide, one out of every four girls are being molested and one in every six boys. According to the Children's Bureau, eighty percent of perpetrators of child abuse are parents. This statutory requirement is a simple and cost effective method that allows an abused student to self-report abuse. This bill would require both public schools and charter schools to post a child abuse hotline in schools.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

To be determined

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Effective Immediately.