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Add Art 14-A SS1450 - 1457, Pub Health L

Establishes an age-appropriate sex education grant program through the department of health to be a comprehensive age-appropriate program conducted by an eligible applicant; authorizes the commissioner to determine certain topics of instruction and makes provisions for the application of grants.

A02856 Actions:

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01/19/2007 referred to health

02/27/2007 reported referred to ways and means

03/27/2007 reported referred to rules

03/27/2007 reported

03/27/2007 rules report cal.32

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03/27/2007 passed assembly

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03/27/2007 REFERRED TO HEALTH

01/09/2008 DIED IN SENATE

01/09/2008 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY

01/09/2008 ordered to third reading cal.254

03/17/2008 passed assembly
 03/17/2008 delivered to senate
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A02856 Votes:

BILL: A02856 DATE: 03/17/2008 MOTION: YEA/NAY: 130/014

Abbate	Y	Calhoun	Y	Espail	Y	Hoyt	ER	Maisel	Y	Powell	Y	Stirpe	Y
Alessi	Y	Camara	Y	Farrell	Y	Hyer-Sp	Y	Markey	Y	Pretlow	Y	Sweeney	Y
Alfano	Y	Canestr	Y	Fields	Y	Jacobs	Y	Mayerso	Y	Quinn	Y	Tedisco	Y
Amedore	Y	Carrozz	Y	Finch	NO	Jaffee	Y	McDonal	Y	Rabbitt	Y	Thiele	Y
Arroyo	Y	Christe	Y	Fitzpat	NO	Jeffrie	Y	McDonou	Y	Raia	Y	Titone	Y
Aubry	Y	Clark	Y	Gabrysz	NO	John	Y	McEneny	Y	Ramos	Y	Titus	Y
Bacalle	Y	Cole	Y	Galef	Y	Kavanag	Y	McKevit	Y	Reilich	NO	Tobacco	NO
Ball	Y	Colton	Y	Gantt	ER	Kellner	Y	Miller	Y	Reilly	Y	Towns	Y
Barclay	Y	Conte	Y	Gianari	Y	Kirwan	NO	Millman	Y	Rive J	Y	Townsen	Y
Barra	Y	Cook	Y	Giglio	NO	Kolb	NO	Molinar	Y	Rive N	Y	Walker	Y
Benedet	Y	Crouch	Y	Glick	Y	Koon	Y	Morelle	Y	Rive PM	Y	Weinste	Y
Benjami	Y	Cusick	Y	Gord D	ER	Lafayet	Y	Nolan	Y	Robinso	Y	Weisenb	ER
Bing	Y	Cymbrow	Y	Gord TP	Y	Lancman	Y	Oaks	Y	Rosenth	Y	Weprin	Y
Boylard	Y	DelMont	Y	Gottfri	Y	Latimer	Y	O`Donne	Y	Saladin	Y	Wright	Y
Boyle	Y	Destito	Y	Greene	Y	Lavine	Y	O`Mara	Y	Sayward	Y	Young	Y
Bradley	Y	Diaz LM	Y	Gunther	Y	Lentol	Y	Ortiz	Y	Scarbor	Y	Zebrows	Y
Brennan	Y	Diaz R	Y	Hawley	NO	Lifton	Y	Parment	Y	Schimmel	Y	Mr Spkr	Y
Brodsky	Y	Dinowit	Y	Hayes	Y	Lope PD	NO	Paulin	Y	Schimmi	NO		
Brook-K	Y	Duprey	Y	Heastie	Y	Lope VJ	Y	Peoples	Y	Schroed	Y		
Burling	NO	Eddingt	Y	Hevesi	Y	Lupardo	Y	Peralta	Y	Scozzaf	Y		
Butler	NO	Englebr	Y	Hikind	Y	Magee	Y	Perry	Y	Seminer	ER		
Cahill	Y	Errigo	NO	Hooper	Y	Magnare	Y	Pheffer	Y	Spano	Y		

A02856 Memo:

BILL NUMBER: A2856

REVISED 1/26/07

TITLE OF BILL : An act to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the age-appropriate sex education grant program, to be referred to as the healthy teens act

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL : This bill would establish an age-appropriate sex education grant program within the Department of Health. The Department, from amounts annually appropriated, will make grants to school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, school-based health centers, and community-based organizations with a proven history of success in reaching the adolescents of this state, to assist them in conducting a thorough and comprehensive education program aimed at preventing unwanted pregnancies and occurrences of sexually transmitted diseases among youth.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS :

Section 1 states the legislative intent of the bill.

Section 2 states that this act shall be known and may be cited as the Healthy Teens Act.

Section 3 adds Article 14-A to the Public Health Law to enact the Age-Appropriate Sex Education Grant Program. Sectioned out in Article 14-A are the following components: definitions; establishment and general components of the program; program awards; application for grants, and program plan; maintenance of effort; annual reports by grant recipients; notification to potential applicants; and regulations.

Section 4 os a severability clause.

Section 5 states the effective date of this act.

JUSTIFICATION : Over the past decade, teen pregnancy rates have declined nationwide, including in New York State. Unfortunately, New York State still reported nearly 40,000 teen pregnancies in 2004. In addition, rates of sexually transmitted diseases among teens remain dangerously high. For example, according to the Centers for Disease Control, national rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea are highest among 15 to 24 year-olds. This is true in New York State as well. Moreover, specific communities in New York State claim some of the highest teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease rates in the country. It is evident that we face a public health crisis in New York State. We must support the creation of effective programs that provide information and skills to young people so they can become healthy adults.

The purpose of this bill is two-fold: to reduce both unintended pregnancies and occurrences of sexually transmitted diseases among New York's youth. It is statistically proven that intensive educational programs, with parent involvement where feasible and appropriate, will enable young people to make responsible decisions regarding sexual activity, and encourage them to protect themselves and their partners.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY :

A.8599-A of `03-`04- reported to Ways and Means in 2004
A.6619-C of `05-`06 - passed Assembly in 2005 and 2006

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS : None noted.

EFFECTIVE DATE : This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the school year which commences on or after July first in the year next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law, provided that the Commissioner of Health shall promulgate such regulations as shall be necessary to implement the provisions of this act not later than 90 days after such effective date.

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