



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Addabbo Bill Requires High Schools to Carry and Have Trained Staff to Administer Opioid Antagonists

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR. March 30, 2020

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The NYS Senate Education Committee recently passed a bill (S.3772) sponsored by NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. requiring NYS high schools to possess an opioid antagonist and have trained staff present during all school activities.

“Many schools open their doors to the community for programs or often serve as civic spaces beyond normal classroom hours. With the opioid crisis at critical levels, we must add an extra layer of protection for our students,” said Addabbo, a member of the committee since being elected to the Senate.

Addabbo sponsored free a Narcan training event in September at Atlas Park. The purpose of Opioid antagonist training is to teach individuals how to recognize an overdose, what to do during an overdose and how to administer *Narcan*, a medication used to block the effects of opioids. Narcan is a safe medication that can save someone’s life by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose. It only works on opioids, such as heroin, prescription painkillers and fentanyl, but it is safe to use even if opioids are not present. Individuals interested in additional Narcan training opportunities can contact my office or call the NYC Health Department.

The next step for Addabbo's Senate bill would be a vote before the full Senate. The Senator stated that in the meantime, he will be meeting with constituents, schools and educational advocates regarding the bills language. The same bill in the Assembly bill (A.5258), is under review by the Assembly Education Committee.

RELATED LEGISLATION

2019-S3772

- Introduced

- ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Requires high schools to carry and have a trained employee to administer opioid antagonists

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In Senate Committee **Rules**

Sponsored by **Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.**

Do you support this bill?