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Committee Assignment: Assembly Liberty 1

Bill #:AL-05

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**An Act To** Amend § 409 of the Educational Law to add safety protocol guides and trauma kits for each classroom in all New York State public schools.

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

**Purpose** This legislation will implement safety protocol guides and trauma kits into our classrooms in New York State public schools. The guides will enable anyone to look up information in the event of an emergency and if a staff person is incapacitated. The trauma kits will contain tourniquets for stopping blood flow in the case of a gunshot or knife wound.

**Summary of Provisions**

**Section 1**

**Trauma Kits:** A pouch with a tourniquet, gloves, directions, and gauze pads to stop bleeding.

**Safety Protocol Guides:** Custom quick reference guide that will help students, and staff, and the general public know what steps to follow in an emergency situation.

**Section 2**

**Section 409**

3. All school buildings described in paragraph 1 of section 409 shall display Safety Protocol Guides in all classrooms, auditoriums, gyms, and other gathering spaces used by students, staff, and the General Public. Trauma Kits shall also be prominently displayed where staff, students, and the general public can easily access in case of injuries sustained in the event of an emergency, Safety Protocol Guides shall have emergency numbers and instructions to evacuate, go into lockdown mode, shelter in place. What to do if there is a missing child or a medical emergency Trauma Kits are beneficial to the school in case an unknown occurs which hurts a child.

**Justification**

In 2019 there was an average of one school shooting per week. The U.S has 57 times as many school shootings as all other industrialized nations combined. While implementing Trauma Kits and Safety Protocol Guides will not help stop school shootings, it will help save lives. About 25% of injuries to children occur while they are in school. By having trauma kits, students will be able to readily access safety resources. When parents send their children off to school, they want to send their children to a safe space for learning and growth, not a battlefield. The passage of this bill will set a precedent by showing our support of the safety of our schools and protection of our children.

**Fiscal Implications**

For 100 Safety Protocol Guides it is \$25 each and 100 trauma kits is \$30 each.

**Environmental Implications**

This bill will have no impact on New York State wildlife.

**Effective Date**

This bill will go into effect on January 1st after the bill is proposed.