



Student Affairs

The City University of New York  
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## **MEMORANDUM**

Date: July 6, 2026

To: Offices of Student Affairs for Constituents Schools and Colleges  
Cc: Office of the Chancellor  
Campus Presidents and Deans  
Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor and General Counsel  
Chief Campus Counsels

From: Denise Maybank, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Re: New York State Education Law - Beau's Law – Section 6348-d

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New York State Education Law (the “NYSEL”) Section 6348-d, referred to as “Beau’s Law,” requires institutions of higher learning, such as The City University of New York (the “University” or “CUNY”), to “make publicly accessible its policy on notifying a parent, guardian or emergency contact of a violation by a student under the age of twenty-one (21) for the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.” **See** NYSEL § 6348-d(1). Violations that may result in a notification “include but shall not be limited to, rule infractions, violations of federal, state, or local law, or controlled substance or alcohol related hospitalizations or overdoses.” **See** NYSEL § 6348-d(1). Beau’s Law is effective July 1, 2026, and the University’s notification guidelines must be posted by University’s Student Affairs office.

Further, Beau’s law mandates the University train “relevant administration and staff as identified by the institution”—the designees—to conduct “regular training” on the provisions of FERPA as it relates to “health and safety emergencies and its impact on such institutions’ response to student alcohol or controlled substance related to hospitalizations and overdoses.” **See** NYSEL § 6348-d(2). To comply with this provision, each of the University’s constituent schools and colleges should appoint a designee responsible for making the referenced notifications. The mandated trainings will be coordinated by the University’s Student Affairs office. The name and contact information for each school or college’s designee should be submitted to Assistant Vice Chancellor for Ian James at [ian.james@cuny.edu](mailto:ian.james@cuny.edu) no later than July 13, 2026.