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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER, BARRETT, BICHOTTE, FAHY, M. G. MILLER --
read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to standardized training curriculum requirements for employees and volunteers providing services to persons with developmental disabilities

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

Section 1. Section 13.23 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (d) to read as follows:

(d) The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations requiring all persons who are employed or volunteering at a provider licensed, certified or operated by the office to complete a training curriculum consistent with this subdivision. In developing such curriculum, the commissioner shall conduct a literature review of reports, studies and other training models regarding the training of direct care workers for persons with developmental disabilities. Such curriculum shall include, but not be limited to: (1) abuse, neglect and maltreatment indication and prevention, (2) laws, regulations and procedures governing the protection of persons with disabilities from abuse, neglect and maltreatment, (3) identification, safety and security procedures, (4) fire safety, (5) first aid, (6) cardiopulmonary resuscitation, (7) cultural competence, and (8) any other appropriate topic.

The format of such training or programs shall be in traditional live classroom or audience settings; teleconferences; video conferences; satellite transmissions; motion picture presentations; interactive video instructions; activities electronically transmitted from another location; on-line computer courses; or any other interactive format deemed appropriate by the commissioner, provided the training or program is not self-study or correspondence work. In no event shall such program and training solely consist of written materials. The training or program must be conducted in a physical setting that is comfortable and conducive to learning. Upon completion of the training or program, trainees shall receive a certificate of completion.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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

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