

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CROCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law and the retirement and social security law, in relation to creating a school mental health services program coordinator

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 2801-d
2 to read as follows:

3 § 2801-d. New York state school mental health services program coordi-
4 nator. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "school mental health
5 services program coordinator" shall mean a mental health services
6 professional, with qualifications determined by regulation by the
7 commissioner, whose role and responsibility shall be to work with
8 students, faculty and other mental health and health care professionals
9 to identify, report and address mental health issues of students, facul-
10 ty and administration at any public or non-public school that could pose
11 a risk to public safety.

12 2. Any public or non-public school may employ a mental health services
13 professional, in either the classified or unclassified service, deter-
14 mined in regulation by the commissioner to be qualified, as a mental
15 health services program coordinator. Any such public or non-public
16 school may also contract with the state of New York, a county, city,
17 town or village, or with a private mental health services provider, for
18 the provision of a mental health services professional, determined in
19 regulation by the commissioner to be qualified, to serve as a mental
20 health services program coordinator.

21 3. The commissioner shall, by regulation, determine the qualifications
22 for a mental health services program coordinator. A school district
23 shall be authorized to employ or contract for as many mental health
24 services program coordinators, as such district deems necessary. The
25 commissioner shall by regulation, establish the mandatory reports, the
26 persons or entities with whom such reports shall be filed, and the

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

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1 treatment services that may be offered or directed by a mental health
2 services program coordinator.

3 § 2. Section 3641 of the education law is amended by adding a new
4 subdivision 18 to read as follows:

5 18. Mental health services program coordinator grants. a. In the two
6 thousand eighteen--two thousand nineteen school year and thereafter,
7 within the amount appropriated for services and expenses related to the
8 expense of school mental health services program coordinators, the
9 commissioner shall provide grants pursuant to this subdivision to: (1)
10 public school districts other than a city school district in a city with
11 a population of one million or more inhabitants, (2) charter schools,
12 and (3) non-public schools.

13 b. Grants under this subdivision shall be equal to the greater of
14 fifty thousand dollars or the product of (1) twenty thousand dollars,
15 and (2) the greater of (A) the total number of instructional school
16 buildings owned, leased or in use for instructional purposes by such
17 public school district, charter school, or non-public school, or (B) the
18 quotient of the enrollment of such public school district pursuant to
19 paragraph n of subdivision one of section thirty-six hundred two of this
20 article divided by two hundred and fifty, and (3) the aid ratio pursuant
21 to subdivision seven of section thirty-six hundred two of this article,
22 provided that for a charter school or non-public school, the aid ratio
23 shall be the aid ratio for the public school district where the charter
24 school or the non-public school is located.

25 c. The commissioner shall be authorized to adopt regulations to imple-
26 ment the provisions of this subdivision.

27 d. In the event the appropriation for purposes of this subdivision in
28 any year is insufficient to pay all claims received pursuant to this
29 subdivision, the commissioner shall pay such claims on a prorated basis
30 among all districts filing such claims until the appropriation is
31 exhausted.

32 § 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 211 of the retirement
33 and social security law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 3-a to
34 read as follows:

35 (3-a) that his or her employment title and respective duties will be
36 restricted to school mental health services program coordinator, as such
37 term is defined in section twenty-eight hundred one-d of the education
38 law;

39 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.