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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BENEDETTO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to including bus drivers and monitors as school personnel for policies and procedures concerning school safety plans

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs a, b, and g of subdivision 2 of section 2801-a
2 of the education law, as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter 54 of
3 the laws of 2016, are amended to read as follows:

4 a. policies and procedures for responding to implied or direct threats
5 of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel including bus
6 drivers and monitors, as well as visitors to the school, including
7 threats by students against themselves, which for the purposes of this
8 section shall include suicide;

9 b. policies and procedures for responding to acts of violence by
10 students, teachers, other school personnel including bus drivers and
11 monitors, as well as visitors to the school, including consideration of
12 zero-tolerance policies for school violence;

13 g. policies and procedures for the dissemination of informative mate-
14 rials regarding the early detection of potentially violent behaviors,
15 including but not limited to the identification of family, community and
16 environmental factors, to teachers, administrators, school personnel
17 including bus drivers and monitors, persons in parental relation to
18 students of the district, students and other persons deemed appropriate
19 to receive such information;

20 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 2801-a of the education law, as amended
21 by section 1 of part B of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to
22 read as follows:

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

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1 4. Each district-wide school safety team shall be appointed by the
2 board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the city school
3 district of the city of New York, and shall include but not be limited
4 to representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, and
5 parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school person-
6 nel including bus drivers and monitors. At the discretion of the board
7 of education, or the chancellor in the case of the city of New York, a
8 student may be allowed to participate on the safety team, provided
9 however, that no portion of a confidential building-level emergency
10 response plan shall be shared with such student nor shall such student
11 be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency
12 response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency
13 response strategy are discussed. Each building-level emergency response
14 team shall be appointed by the building principal, in accordance with
15 regulations or guidelines prescribed by the board of education, chancel-
16 lor or other governing body. Such building-level teams shall include but
17 not be limited to representatives of teacher, administrator, and parent
18 organizations, school safety personnel and other school personnel
19 including bus drivers and monitors, community members, law enforcement
20 officials, fire officials or other emergency response agencies, and any
21 other representatives the board of education, chancellor or other
22 governing body deems appropriate.

23 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.