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

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to requiring public employers to provide bi-annual anti-bias and inclusion training

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

1 Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 201-h to
2 read as follows:

3 § 201-h. Anti-bias and inclusion training. 1. All public employers and
4 state contractors shall provide mandatory bi-annual anti-bias and inclu-
5 sion training, as described in subdivision two of this section, to all
6 employees. Such training shall also be offered to private sector employ-
7 ees who are front-line service professionals.

8 2. Such anti-bias and inclusion training shall include, but shall not
9 be limited to: (a) general discussions about diversity and bias, includ-
10 ing unconscious bias; (b) tools to create an inclusive and respectful
11 work environment; (c) examination of employee's own personal biases; and
12 (d) identification of ways to respond to discrimination and bias.

13 3. For purposes of this section, the term "front-line service profes-
14 sionals" means any employee that deals directly with customers.

15 4. The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations as he or she
16 deems necessary for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this
17 section.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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