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Introduced by M. of A. K. BROWN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring all school employees complete student mental wellness training

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 319 to read as follows:

§ 319. Student mental wellness training. 1. Every employee of each elementary, intermediate, middle, junior high and senior high school within the state shall complete student mental wellness training each year.

2. The commissioner in consultation with the department of mental hygiene, the office of addiction services and supports, and the department of health, shall develop the annual student mental wellness training and any course materials to be offered as part of such training pursuant to subdivision one of this section. Such training shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) identifying signs and symptoms of mental health issues, eating disorders, behavioral health disorders, and substance use disorders.

(b) the use of evidence-based training programs including, but not limited to, mental health first aid or core elements of such programs to the extent practicable.

(c) safe de-escalation of crisis situations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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