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IN ASSEMBLY

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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:

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

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

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

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

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

18 (c) safe de-escalation of crisis situations.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
20 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the
21 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
22 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
23 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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