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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring all teachers
to complete training in the area of autism and directing the commis-
sioner of education to assure that such training is included in all
teacher certification programs

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 3004 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 484 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 4. a. The commissioner shall prescribe regulations requiring that all
5 persons applying on or after September second, two thousand [nine] ELEV-
6 EN for a teaching certificate or license as a [special education] teach-
7 er for the purposes pursuant to article eighty-nine of this chapter
8 shall, in addition to all the other certification or licensing require-
9 ments, have completed enhanced course work or training in area of chil-
10 dren with autism. In addition, such regulations shall require that
11 enhanced training in the needs of autistic children be provided to each
12 certified school administrator or supervisor assigned on or after
13 September second, two thousand nine to serve as a special education
14 administrator. Such training shall be provided prior to, or as soon as
15 practicable following, assignment as a special education administrator.
16 Individuals serving as special education administrators as of September
17 second, two thousand nine shall complete such training by such date. The
18 enhanced course work or training shall be obtained from an institution
19 or provider which has been approved by the department to provide such
20 course work or training in the needs of autistic children, provided that
21 enhanced training for certified school administrators or supervisors
22 that meets standards prescribed by the commissioner may be included in

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

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1 the professional development provided by the school district or board of
2 cooperative educational services to such administrators or supervisors.
3 b. The commissioner shall assure that teacher preparation insti-
4 tutions, in the [two thousand eight--two thousand nine] TWO THOUSAND
5 TEN--TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN academic year, include instruction in the needs
6 of autistic children in all programs leading to certification as a
7 [special education] teacher.
8 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
9 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.