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Introduced by M. of A. COLTON, CYMBROWITZ, COOK, JACOBS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. MILLMAN, J. RIVERA, P. RIVERA, TOWNS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing numerical criteria for the employment of guidance counselors

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

Section 1. Section 4605 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF CERTIFIED GUIDANCE COUNSELORS WHICH SHALL BE EMPLOYED BY EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE SHALL BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SUCH DISTRICT AND SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER. IN PROMULGATING SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SET NUMERICALLY, RATIOS OF GUIDANCE COUNSELORS TO STUDENTS AS HE DEEMS NECESSARY TO CONFORM TO COMMONLY ACCEPTED PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. ANY PERSON NEWLY EMPLOYED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR SHALL BE DULY CERTIFIED AS A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

S 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, provided, however, that such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date shall be promulgated on or before such date.

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

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