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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring a certified social worker in each elementary, intermediate, middle, junior high and senior high school

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 803-b to read as follows:

S 803-B. CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS REQUIRED IN ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE, MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR TRUSTEES OF EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE SHALL ON AND AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE EMPLOY AT LEAST ONE CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER IN EACH OF THE SCHOOLS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION EXCLUSIVE OF ANY SOCIAL WORKERS FUNDED OR MANDATED THROUGH ANY SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING, AID, REGULATION OR STATUTE. SUCH CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: HELPING STUDENTS WHO EXHIBIT ANY ATTENDANCE, ACADEMIC, BEHAVIORAL OR ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS, EDUCATING STUDENTS CONCERNING AVOIDANCE OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, ENCOURAGING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND HELPING STUDENTS PREVENT OR RESOLVE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY SOCIAL OR EMOTIONAL STRESS.

S 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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