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Introduced by M. of A. WALKER, WEISENBERG, McDONOUGH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. MILLER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring all certified teachers to attend gang awareness training once every three years

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

Section 1. Section 3004 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE REGULATIONS REQUIRING THAT ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FIRST FULL ACADEMIC YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT AS A CERTIFIED TEACHER, ALL CERTIFIED TEACHERS SHALL ATTEND A SEMINAR, CLASS, COURSE, OR OTHER TRAINING PROGRAM RELATING TO GANG VIOLENCE AND ITS IMPACT ON SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN. THE TRAINING PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY AN INSTITUTION OR PROVIDER WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SUCH TRAINING AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE THAT APPROVED PROGRAMS PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OR A "CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION" OF THEIR ATTENDANCE AND COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESCRIBE RULES OR REGULATIONS DEFINING THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL VERIFY ATTENDANCE AND COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM, AND PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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