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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the mandatory implementation by school districts of guidelines that incorporate social and emotional development into elementary and secondary school education programs

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

Section 1. Subdivision 35 of section 305 of the education law, as added by chapter 667 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

35. The commissioner shall, in cooperation with the commissioner of mental health, develop guidelines for [voluntary] MANDATORY implementation by school districts, that incorporate social and emotional development into elementary and secondary school educational programs as prescribed in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section three of the children's mental health act of 2006. THE MANDATORY IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDELINES BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL COMMENCE WITH THE TWO THOUSAND TEN--TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN SCHOOL YEAR.

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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