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Introduced by M. of A. SCHROEDER, WEISENBERG, CLARK, DUPREY, PHEFFER, ARROYO, BENEDETTO, COOK, ROBINSON, SPANO, CASTRO, JAFFEE, ABINANTI, ORTIZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, BURLING, CONTE, CROUCH, FINCH, HOOPER, MARKEY, McKEVITT, J. MILLER, RABBITT, REILLY, SAYWARD, TOBACCO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring all teachers to complete training in the area of autism and directing the commissioner 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 ASSEMBLY, 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]
6 TWELVE for a teaching certificate or license as a [special education]
7 teacher 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] ELEVEN to serve as a special
14 education administrator. Such training shall be provided prior to, or
15 as soon as practicable following, assignment as a special education
16 administrator. Individuals serving as special education administrators
17 as of September second, two thousand [nine] ELEVEN shall complete such
18 training by such date. The enhanced course work or training shall be

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

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1 obtained from an institution or provider which has been approved by the
2 department to provide such course work or training in the needs of
3 autistic children, provided that enhanced training for certified school
4 administrators or supervisors that meets standards prescribed by the
5 commissioner may be included in the professional development provided by
6 the school district or board of cooperative educational services to such
7 administrators or supervisors.

8 b. The commissioner shall assure that teacher preparation insti-
9 tutions, in the [two thousand eight--two thousand nine] TWO THOUSAND
10 TWELVE--TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN academic year, include instruction in the
11 needs of autistic children in all programs leading to certification as a
12 [special education] teacher.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
14 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.