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Introduced by M. of A. SCARBOROUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families -- recommitted to the Committee on Children and Families in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring persons and officials required to report suspected child abuse or maltreatment to complete certain ongoing training; to amend the education law, in relation to requiring school superintendents, teachers and certain other licensed professionals to complete training in the reporting of suspected cases of child abuse and maltreatment; and to amend the executive law and the public health law, in relation to child abuse prevention

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

1 Section 1. Section 413 of the social services law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:
3 1-A. (A) EVERY PERSON AND OFFICIAL REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR
4 MALTREATMENT, PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, SHALL, PRIOR
5 TO ASSUMPTION OF THE POSITION WHICH REQUIRES SUCH REPORTING, COMPLETE
6 TWO HOURS OF COURSEWORK OR TRAINING REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION AND
7 REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT; PROVIDED THAT EVERY PERSON
8 AND OFFICIAL HOLDING SUCH A POSITION ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
9 THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL COMPLETE SUCH COURSEWORK OR TRAINING WITHIN ONE
10 YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION.
11 (B) EVERY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, POLICE OFFI-
12 CER, PEACE OFFICER, INVESTIGATOR EMPLOYED IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
13 ATTORNEY, PEDIATRICIAN, PHYSICIAN WHO IS EMPLOYED IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM,
14 REGISTERED NURSE AND REGISTERED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A
15 PEDIATRICIAN OR IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM, TEACHER, CHILD CARE WORKER, FOSTER
16 CARE WORKER, MEDICAL EXAMINER, CORONER, PREVENTIVE SERVICES WORKER,

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

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1 CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKER, SOCIAL WORKER WHOSE EMPLOYMENT
2 INVOLVES REGULAR INTERACTION WITH CHILDREN, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ALCOHOL-
3 ISM COUNSELOR WHOSE EMPLOYMENT INVOLVES REGULAR INTERACTION WITH CHIL-
4 DREN, AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHOSE EMPLOYMENT INVOLVES REGULAR
5 INTERACTION WITH CHILDREN REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREAT-
6 MENT, PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, SHALL, NOT LESS THAN
7 ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS, COMPLETE TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS OF COURSEWORK OR
8 TRAINING REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND
9 MALTREATMENT. SUCH CONTINUING COURSEWORK OR TRAINING SHALL, TO THE
10 GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, INCLUDE ADVANCED TRAINING WHICH BUILDS ON THE
11 INITIAL OR EARLIER COURSEWORK REQUIRED IN THIS SUBDIVISION.

12 (C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THE EDUCATION LAW, THE OFFICE OF
13 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL APPROVE AND/OR ESTABLISH THE COURSE-
14 WORK AND TRAINING REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVI-
15 SION. SUCH COURSEWORK AND TRAINING MAY BE DEVELOPED SO THAT IT CAN BE
16 OFFERED THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INTERNET
17 BASED COURSES AND TELECONFERENCES.

18 S 2. Subdivision 4 of section 3003 of the education law, as amended by
19 chapter 737 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

20 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner shall
21 require that any person applying[, on or after January first, nineteen
22 hundred ninety-one,] for a superintendent's certificate shall, in addi-
23 tion to all the other requirements, have completed two hours of course-
24 work or training regarding the identification and reporting of child
25 abuse and maltreatment, AND SHALL THEREAFTER COMPLETE TWO AND ONE-HALF
26 ADDITIONAL HOURS OF SUCH COURSEWORK OR TRAINING AT LEAST ONCE EVERY
27 PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. SUCH COURSEWORK OR TRAINING SHALL BE PROVIDED
28 PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED TWO-A OF THIS CHAPTER AS IF THE
29 SUPERINTENDENT WAS AN APPLICANT FOR OR HOLDER OF A LICENSE TO PRACTICE A
30 PROFESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER. The coursework or
31 training shall be obtained from an institution or provider which has
32 been approved by the department to provide such coursework or training.
33 The coursework or training shall include information regarding the phys-
34 ical and behavioral indicators of child abuse and maltreatment and the
35 statutory reporting requirements set out in sections four hundred thir-
36 teen through four hundred twenty of the social services law, including
37 but not limited to, when and how a report must be made, what other
38 actions the reporter is mandated or authorized to take, the legal
39 protections afforded reporters, and the consequences for failing to
40 report. Each applicant shall provide the department with documentation
41 showing that he or she has completed the required training.

42 S 3. Section 3209-a of the education law, as added by chapter 504 of
43 the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

44 S 3209-a. Child abuse prevention. Each school district of the state
45 shall: (1) develop, maintain and disseminate written policies and proce-
46 dures pursuant to title six of article six of the social services law
47 and applicable provisions of article ten of the family court act,
48 regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect, reporting
49 procedures and obligations of persons required to report, provisions for
50 taking a child into protective custody, mandatory reporting of deaths,
51 immunity from liability, penalties for failure to report and obligations
52 for the provision of services and procedures necessary to safeguard the
53 life or health of the child; and (2) establish, and implement on an
54 ongoing basis, a training program for all current and new school offi-
55 cials regarding the policies and procedures established pursuant to this
56 section AND THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS THAT SCHOOL OFFICIALS MAY BE LIKELY

1 TO ENCOUNTER WHICH MAY INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREAT-
2 MENT.

3 S 4. Subdivision 2 of section 3004 of the education law, as amended by
4 chapter 737 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

5 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner shall
6 prescribe regulations requiring that all persons applying[, on or after
7 January first, nineteen hundred ninety-one,] for a certificate or
8 license to be a teacher shall, in addition to all the other certif-
9 ication or licensure requirements, have completed two hours of course-
10 work or training regarding the identification and reporting of child
11 abuse and maltreatment, AND SHALL THEREAFTER COMPLETE TWO AND ONE-HALF
12 ADDITIONAL HOURS OF SUCH COURSEWORK OR TRAINING AT LEAST ONCE EVERY
13 PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. SUCH COURSEWORK OR TRAINING SHALL BE PROVIDED
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED TWO-A OF THIS CHAPTER AS IF THE
15 TEACHER WAS AN APPLICANT FOR OR HOLDER OF A LICENSE TO PRACTICE A
16 PROFESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER. The coursework or
17 training shall be obtained from an institution or provider which has
18 been approved by the department to provide such coursework or training.
19 The coursework or training shall include information regarding the phys-
20 ical and behavioral indicators of child abuse and maltreatment and the
21 statutory reporting requirements set out in sections four hundred thir-
22 teen through four hundred twenty of the social services law, including
23 but not limited to, when and how a report must be made, what other
24 actions the reporter is mandated or authorized to take, the legal
25 protections afforded reporters, and the consequences for failing to
26 report. Each applicant shall provide the department with documentation
27 showing that he or she has completed the required training.

28 S 5. The closing paragraph of section 3007 of the education law, as
29 amended by chapter 544 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 Such endorsement confers on the holder of such diploma or certificate
32 the privileges conferred by law on the holder of the diploma of a state
33 teachers college or state college for teachers or state certificate
34 issued in this state. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
35 commissioner shall require that any person seeking endorsement of a
36 foreign certificate or diploma[, on or after January first, nineteen
37 hundred ninety-one,] shall have completed two hours of coursework or
38 training regarding the identification and reporting of child abuse and
39 maltreatment, AND SHALL THEREAFTER COMPLETE TWO AND ONE-HALF ADDITIONAL
40 HOURS OF SUCH COURSEWORK OR TRAINING AT LEAST ONCE EVERY PERIOD OF TWO
41 YEARS. SUCH COURSEWORK OR TRAINING SHALL BE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SECTION
42 SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED TWO-A OF THIS CHAPTER AS IF THE TEACHER WAS AN APPLI-
43 CANT FOR OR HOLDER OF A LICENSE TO PRACTICE A PROFESSION PURSUANT TO
44 TITLE EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER. The coursework or training shall be
45 obtained from an institution or provider which has been approved by the
46 department to provide such [course work] COURSEWORK or training. The
47 coursework or training shall include information regarding the physical
48 and behavioral indicators of child abuse and maltreatment and the statu-
49 tory reporting requirements set out in sections four hundred thirteen
50 through four hundred twenty of the social services law, including but
51 not limited to, when and how a report must be made, what other actions
52 the reporter is mandated or authorized to take, the legal protections
53 afforded reporters, and the consequences for failing to report. Each
54 applicant shall provide the department with documentation showing that
55 he or she has completed the required training.

1 S 6. Section 6501 of the education law, as amended by chapter 81 of
2 the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 S 6501. Admission to a profession (licensing). Admission to practice
4 of a profession in this state is accomplished by a license being issued
5 to a qualified applicant by the education department. To qualify for a
6 license an applicant shall meet the requirements prescribed in the arti-
7 cle for the particular profession and shall meet the requirements
8 prescribed in section 3-503 of the general obligations law AND, WHERE
9 APPLICABLE, THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED TWO-A OF THIS
10 SUBARTICLE.

11 S 7. Subdivision 1 of section 6502 of the education law, as amended by
12 chapter 599 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

13 1. A license shall be valid during the life of the holder unless
14 revoked, annulled or suspended by the board of regents or in the case of
15 physicians, physicians practicing under a limited permit, physician's
16 assistants, specialist's assistants and medical residents, the licensee
17 is stricken from the roster of such licensees by the board of regents on
18 the order of the state board for professional medical conduct in the
19 department of health. A licensee must register with the department and
20 meet the requirements prescribed in section 3-503 of the general obli-
21 gations law AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION
22 SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED TWO-A OF THIS SUBARTICLE to practice in this state.

23 S 8. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6502-a to
24 read as follows:

25 S 6502-A. MANDATED REPORTING OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT
26 TRAINING. 1. EACH APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE A PROFESSION
27 PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE, THE PRACTICE OF WHICH REQUIRES THE LICENSEE TO
28 REPORT SUSPECTED CASES OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT PURSUANT TO
29 SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, SHALL, PRIOR
30 TO BEING LICENSED TO PRACTICE SUCH PROFESSION, COMPLETE TWO HOURS OF
31 COURSEWORK OR TRAINING REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF
32 CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT. EVERY PERSON LICENSED TO PRACTICE A
33 PROFESSION PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
34 SECTION, THE PRACTICE OF WHICH REQUIRES THE LICENSEE TO REPORT SUSPECTED
35 CASES OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED
36 THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, SHALL COMPLETE SUCH COURSEWORK OR
37 TRAINING WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

38 2. EACH PERSON REQUIRED TO COMPLETE COURSEWORK OR TRAINING PURSUANT TO
39 SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, WHO IS EMPLOYED OR SERVES IN A POSITION
40 LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION ONE-A OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED
41 THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, SHALL THEREAFTER COMPLETE AN ADDI-
42 TIONAL TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS OF COURSEWORK OR TRAINING REGARDING THE
43 IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT AT LEAST
44 ONCE EVERY PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. SUCH CONTINUING COURSEWORK OR TRAINING
45 SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, INCLUDE ADVANCED TRAINING WHICH
46 BUILDS ON THE INITIAL OR EARLIER COURSEWORK REQUIRED IN THIS SUBDIVI-
47 SION.

48 3. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP A TRAINING CURRICULUM REGARDING THE
49 IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT WHICH SHALL
50 BE USED TO PROVIDE THE COURSEWORK AND TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION,
51 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FAIL TO DEVELOP SUCH A
52 TRAINING CURRICULUM, THEN THE REQUIRED CURRICULUM FOR THE COURSEWORK AND
53 TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE THE TRAINING CURRICULUM
54 RELATING THERETO DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
55 SERVICES. EVERY TRAINING CURRICULUM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT
56 TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF

1 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE EVERY INSTI-
2 TUTION AND PROVIDER OF COURSEWORK OR TRAINING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
3 TO UTILIZE AN APPROVED CURRICULUM. SUCH COURSEWORK AND TRAINING MAY BE
4 DEVELOPED SO THAT IT CAN BE OFFERED THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS INCLUDING, BUT
5 NOT LIMITED TO, INTERNET BASED COURSES AND TELECONFERENCES.

6 S 9. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 6507 of the education
7 law, as amended by chapter 356 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 a. Establish standards for preprofessional and professional education,
10 experience and licensing examinations as required to implement the arti-
11 cle for each profession. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
12 commissioner shall establish standards requiring that all persons apply-
13 ing[, on or after January first, nineteen hundred ninety-one,] initial-
14 ly, or for the renewal of, a license, registration or limited permit to
15 be a physician, chiropractor, dentist, registered nurse, podiatrist,
16 optometrist, psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed master social worker,
17 licensed clinical social worker, licensed creative arts therapist,
18 licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed mental health counse-
19 lor, licensed psychoanalyst, [or] dental hygienist OR ANY OTHER PROFES-
20 SION WHICH IS REQUIRED TO REPORT CASES OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND
21 MALTREATMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL
22 SERVICES LAW, shall, in addition to all the other licensure, certifi-
23 cation or permit requirements, have completed two hours of coursework
24 or training regarding the identification and reporting of child abuse
25 and maltreatment, AND IF THEY ARE LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION
26 ONE-A OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, SHALL
27 THEREAFTER COMPLETE TWO AND ONE-HALF ADDITIONAL HOURS OF SUCH COURSEWORK
28 OR TRAINING AT LEAST ONCE EVERY PERIOD OF TWO YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
29 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED TWO-A OF THIS ARTICLE. The
30 coursework or training shall be obtained from an institution or provider
31 which has been approved by the department to provide such coursework or
32 training. The coursework or training shall include information regarding
33 the physical and behavioral indicators of child abuse and maltreatment
34 and the statutory reporting requirements set out in sections four
35 hundred thirteen through four hundred twenty of the social services law,
36 including but not limited to, when and how a report must be made, what
37 other actions the reporter is mandated or authorized to take, the legal
38 protections afforded reporters, and the consequences for failing to
39 report. Such coursework or training may also include information regard-
40 ing the physical and behavioral indicators of the abuse of individuals
41 with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and volun-
42 tary reporting of abused or neglected adults to the office of mental
43 retardation and developmental disabilities or the local adult protective
44 services unit. Each applicant shall provide the department with documen-
45 tation showing that he or she has completed the required training. The
46 department shall provide an exemption from the child abuse and maltreat-
47 ment training requirements to any applicant who requests such an
48 exemption and who shows, to the department's satisfaction, that there
49 would be no need because of the nature of his or her practice for him or
50 her to complete such training;

51 S 9-a. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 6507 of the education
52 law, as amended by chapter 554 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read
53 as follows:

54 a. Establish standards for preprofessional and professional education,
55 experience and licensing examinations as required to implement the arti-
56 cle for each profession. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the

1 commissioner shall establish standards requiring that all persons apply-
2 ing[, on or after January first, nineteen hundred ninety-one,] initial-
3 ly, or for the renewal of, a license, registration or limited permit to
4 be a physician, chiropractor, dentist, registered nurse, podiatrist,
5 optometrist, psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed master social worker,
6 licensed clinical social worker, licensed creative arts therapist,
7 licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed mental health counse-
8 lor, licensed psychoanalyst, dental hygienist, licensed behavior
9 analyst, [or] certified behavior analyst assistant OR ANY OTHER PROFES-
10 SION WHICH IS REQUIRED TO REPORT CASES OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND
11 MALTREATMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL
12 SERVICES LAW, shall, in addition to all the other licensure, certifi-
13 cation or permit requirements, have completed two hours of coursework
14 or training regarding the identification and reporting of child abuse
15 and maltreatment AND IF THEY ARE LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION
16 ONE-A OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, SHALL
17 THEREAFTER COMPLETE TWO AND ONE-HALF ADDITIONAL HOURS OF SUCH COURSEWORK
18 OR TRAINING AT LEAST ONCE EVERY PERIOD OF TWO YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
19 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED TWO-A OF THIS ARTICLE. The
20 coursework or training shall be obtained from an institution or provider
21 which has been approved by the department to provide such coursework or
22 training. The coursework or training shall include information regarding
23 the physical and behavioral indicators of child abuse and maltreatment
24 and the statutory reporting requirements set out in sections four
25 hundred thirteen through four hundred twenty of the social services law,
26 including but not limited to, when and how a report must be made, what
27 other actions the reporter is mandated or authorized to take, the legal
28 protections afforded reporters, and the consequences for failing to
29 report. Such coursework or training may also include information regard-
30 ing the physical and behavioral indicators of the abuse of individuals
31 with [mental retardation and other] developmental disabilities and
32 voluntary reporting of abused or neglected adults to the office [of
33 mental retardation and] FOR PEOPLE WITH developmental disabilities or
34 the local adult protective services unit. Each applicant shall provide
35 the department with documentation showing that he or she has completed
36 the required training. The department shall provide an exemption from
37 the child abuse and maltreatment training requirements to any applicant
38 who requests such an exemption and who shows, to the department's satis-
39 faction, that there would be no need because of the nature of his or her
40 practice for him or her to complete such training;

41 S 10. Section 214-a of the executive law, as added by chapter 504 of
42 the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

43 S 214-a. Child abuse prevention. The superintendent shall, for all
44 members of the state police: (1) develop, maintain and disseminate writ-
45 ten policies and procedures pursuant to title six of article six of the
46 social services law and applicable provisions of article ten of the
47 family court act, regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse or
48 neglect, reporting procedures and obligations of persons required to
49 report, provisions for taking a child into protective custody, mandatory
50 reporting of deaths, immunity from liability, penalties for failure to
51 report and obligations for the provision of services and procedures
52 necessary to safeguard the life or health of the child; [and] (2) estab-
53 lish, and implement on an ongoing basis, a training program for all
54 current and new employees regarding the policies and procedures estab-
55 lished pursuant to this section; AND (3) ESTABLISH, AND IMPLEMENT ON AN
56 ONGOING BASIS, A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ALL CURRENT AND NEW EMPLOYEES WHO

1 ARE LIKELY TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH CHILDREN IN THE COURSE OF THEIR
2 PROFESSIONAL DUTIES, REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION OF
3 CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT AND ANY PROTOCOLS THAT EXIST REGARDING
4 INVESTIGATING SUSPECTED INCIDENTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT JOINT-
5 LY WITH LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

6 S 11. Paragraph (j) of subdivision 1 of section 840 of the executive
7 law, as amended by chapter 617 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (j) (1) Development, maintenance and dissemination of written policies
10 and procedures pursuant to title six of article six of the social
11 services law and applicable provisions of article ten of the family
12 court act, regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect,
13 reporting procedures and obligations of persons required to report,
14 provisions for taking a child into protective custody, mandatory report-
15 ing of deaths, immunity from liability, penalties for failure to report
16 and obligations for the provision of services and procedures necessary
17 to safeguard the life or health of the child; (2) establishment and
18 implementation on an ongoing basis, of a training program for all
19 current and new police officers regarding the policies and procedures
20 established pursuant to this paragraph AND THE IDENTIFICATION AND INVES-
21 TIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT AND ANY PROTOCOLS THAT EXIST
22 REGARDING INVESTIGATING SUSPECTED INCIDENTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREAT-
23 MENT JOINTLY WITH LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES; and (3) estab-
24 lishment of a training program for police officers whose main responsi-
25 bilities are juveniles and the laws pertaining thereto, which training
26 program shall be successfully completed before such officers are accred-
27 ited pursuant to section eight hundred forty-six-h of this chapter.

28 S 12. Section 2805-n of the public health law, as added by chapter 504
29 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

30 S 2805-n. Child abuse prevention. All hospitals shall: (i) develop,
31 maintain and disseminate written policies and procedures pursuant to
32 title six of article six of the social services law and applicable
33 provisions of article ten of the family court act, regarding the manda-
34 tory reporting of child abuse or neglect, reporting procedures and obli-
35 gations of persons required to report, provisions for taking a child
36 into protective custody, mandatory reporting of deaths, immunity from
37 liability, penalties for failure to report and obligations for the
38 provision of services and procedures necessary to safeguard the life or
39 health of the child; [and] (ii) establish, and implement on an ongoing
40 basis, a training program for all current and new employees regarding
41 the policies and procedures established pursuant to this section; AND
42 (III) ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT, ON AN ONGOING BASIS, A TRAINING PROGRAM
43 FOR ALL CURRENT AND NEW EMPLOYEES WHO REGULARLY ASSESS INJURIES IN CHIL-
44 DREN REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT.

45 S 13. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day
46 after it shall have become a law, provided that the promulgation, amend-
47 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary to implement the
48 provisions of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed
49 to be completed on or before such date, provided, however, that section
50 nine-a of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
51 manner as chapter 554 of the laws of 2013 takes effect.