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Introduced by Sen. HAMILTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities -- recommitted to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, the executive law and the public health law, in relation to requiring police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and certified first responders to complete training in the appropriate recognition and response methods to persons with developmental disabilities

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

1     Section 1.     Section 13.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision (h) to read as follows:  
3     (H) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CURRICULUM AND  
4 COURSE OF STUDY TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION TO FIREFIGHTERS,  
5 POLICE OFFICERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED FIRST  
6 RESPONDERS ON THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND  
7 THE APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE METHODS RELATING TO DEVELOP-  
8 MENTAL DISABILITIES.  
9     S 2. Subdivision 6 of section 156 of the executive law, as amended by  
10 chapter 580 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
11     6. Plan, coordinate and provide training for firefighters, both paid  
12 and volunteer, and related governmental officers and employees, relating  
13 to fire and arson prevention and control, and encourage expansion and  
14 improvement of local training facilities in cooperation with fire compa-  
15 nies, municipal corporations and districts. Such training shall be made  
16 available by video or computer to the maximum extent possible. The  
17 office shall adopt rules and regulations relating to such training,  
18 including but not limited to training standards used and the process by

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

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1 which training hours are allocated to counties as well as a uniform  
2 procedure for requesting and providing additional training hours. SUCH  
3 TRAINING SHALL REQUIRE EVERY FIREFIGHTER, ONCE EVERY THIRTY MONTHS, TO  
4 COMPLETE THE COURSE OF STUDY ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOP-  
5 MENTAL DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (H) OF SECTION 13.09 OF THE  
6 MENTAL HYGIENE LAW.

7 S 3. Section 837-a of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
8 subdivision 10 to read as follows:

9 10. MAINTAIN AND IMPLEMENT THE COURSE OF STUDY ESTABLISHED BY THE  
10 COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (H)  
11 OF SECTION 13.09 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW, WHICH SHALL BE COMPLETED  
12 ONCE EVERY THIRTY MONTHS BY EVERY POLICE OFFICER.

13 S 4. Section 3011 of the public health law is amended by adding a new  
14 subdivision 12 to read as follows:

15 12. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING  
16 EVERY CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AND  
17 ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, ONCE EVERY THIRTY MONTHS, TO  
18 COMPLETE THE COURSE OF STUDY ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOP-  
19 MENTAL DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (H) OF SECTION 13.09 OF THE  
20 MENTAL HYGIENE LAW.

21 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately, except that sections two,  
22 three and four of this act shall take effect June 1, 2016.