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Introduced by Sen. MARCELLINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Higher 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 the commissioner to issue regulations to include school mental health practitioners in a certificate valid for pupil personnel services

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 55 to read as follows:

55. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE A SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR, SCHOOL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, SCHOOL PSYCHOANALYST AND A SCHOOL CREATIVE ARTS THERAPIST IN A CERTIFICATE VALID FOR PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES.

IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATE ESTABLISHED IN REGULATIONS, A CANDIDATE FOR A CERTIFICATE ESTABLISHED BY THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE REGISTERED AND HOLD A VALID LICENSE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THIS CHAPTER.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately the department of education is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and to take any other measures necessary to implement this act on or before such effective date.

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

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