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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to training regarding
domestic violence

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 6507 of the educa-
2 tion law, as amended by chapter 554 of the laws of 2013, is amended to
3 read as follows:
4 a. Establish standards for preprofessional and professional education,
5 experience and licensing examinations as required to implement the arti-
6 cle for each profession. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
7 commissioner shall establish standards requiring that all persons apply-
8 ing, on or after January first, nineteen hundred ninety-one, initially,
9 or for the renewal of, a license, registration or limited permit to be a
10 physician, chiropractor, dentist, registered nurse, podiatrist, optome-
11 trist, psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed master social worker,
12 licensed clinical social worker, licensed creative arts therapist,
13 licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed mental health counse-
14 lor, licensed psychoanalyst, dental hygienist, licensed behavior
15 analyst, or certified behavior analyst assistant shall, in addition to
16 all the other licensure, certification or permit requirements, have
17 completed [two] THREE hours of coursework or training regarding the
18 identification and reporting of child abuse [and], maltreatment, AND
19 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. The coursework or training shall be obtained from an
20 institution or provider which has been approved by the department to
21 provide such coursework or training. The coursework or training shall
22 include information regarding the physical and behavioral indicators of
23 child abuse [and], maltreatment, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and the statutory
24 reporting requirements set out in sections four hundred thirteen through
25 four hundred twenty of the social services law, including but not limit-

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

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1 ed to, when and how a report must be made, what other actions the repor-
2 ter is mandated or authorized to take, the legal protections afforded
3 reporters, and the consequences for failing to report. THE COMMISSIONER
4 SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARDS REQUIRING THAT BEGINNING JANUARY FIRST, TWO
5 THOUSAND SIXTEEN, ONE HOUR OF THE THREE COURSEWORK OR TRAINING HOURS
6 SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHILD
7 ABUSE, MALTREATMENT, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF
8 BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL INDICATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS DEFINED IN
9 SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-A OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW. Such
10 coursework or training may also include information regarding the phys-
11 ical and behavioral indicators of the abuse of individuals with mental
12 retardation and other developmental disabilities and voluntary reporting
13 of abused or neglected adults to the office of mental retardation and
14 developmental disabilities or the local adult protective services unit.
15 Each applicant shall provide the department with documentation showing
16 that he or she has completed the required training. The department shall
17 provide an exemption from the child abuse [and], maltreatment, AND
18 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE training requirements to any applicant who requests
19 such an exemption and who shows, to the department's satisfaction, that
20 there would be no need because of the nature of his or her practice for
21 him or her to complete such training;
22 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.