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Introduced by Sen. FLANAGAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing that all school districts are approved evaluators of preschool students suspected of having a disability

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subdivision 9-a of section 4410  
2 of the education law, paragraph (a) as amended by chapter 581 of the  
3 laws of 2011 and paragraph (c) as added by chapter 82 of the laws of  
4 1995, are amended to read as follows:  
5 (a) A [school district or a] group of appropriately licensed and/or  
6 certified professionals associated with a public or private agency may  
7 apply to the commissioner for approval as an evaluator on a form  
8 prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall approve evalu-  
9 ators pursuant to this subdivision consistent with the approval process  
10 for the multi-disciplinary evaluation component of programs approved  
11 pursuant to subdivision nine of this section consistent with regulations  
12 adopted pursuant to such subdivision. ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE DEEMED  
13 APPROVED EVALUATORS OF PRESCHOOL STUDENTS SUSPECTED OF HAVING A DISABIL-  
14 ITY WITHOUT THE NEED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER.  
15 Such application shall include, but not be limited to, a description  
16 of the multi-disciplinary evaluation services proposed to be provided  
17 and a demonstration that all agency employees and staff who provide such  
18 evaluation services shall have appropriate licensure and/or certifi-  
19 cation and that the individual who shall have direct supervision  
20 responsibilities over such staff shall have an appropriate level of  
21 experience in providing evaluation or services to preschool or kinder-  
22 garten-aged children with disabilities. To be eligible for approval as  
23 an evaluator under this subdivision on and after July first, two thou-  
24 sand eleven, a group of appropriately licensed or certified profes-

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

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1 sionals shall be formed as a limited liability company or professional  
2 services corporation established pursuant to article fifteen of the  
3 business corporation law, article twelve or thirteen of the limited  
4 liability company law or article eight-B of the partnership law. The  
5 approval of any groups of licensed or certified professionals that are  
6 in existence on July first, two thousand eleven and would not be eligi-  
7 ble for approval thereafter shall terminate on July first, two thousand  
8 thirteen.

9 (c) The commissioner shall establish a billing and reimbursement  
10 system for services provided by SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND evaluators approved  
11 pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision consistent with billing  
12 and reimbursement for evaluation services provided by evaluators  
13 approved pursuant to the provisions of subdivision nine of this section.

14 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
15 the amendments to subdivision 9-a of section 4410 of the education law  
16 made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such  
17 section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.