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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. DIAZ, HAMILTON -- 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 requiring persons in  
parental relation with a child of elementary school age to attend  
parent support programs

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 3212 of the education law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph f to read as follows:

3 f. Shall, at the time such individual begins to attend upon instruc-  
4 tion, participate in a series of four parent support instruction  
5 programs pursuant to section three hundred nineteen of this chapter,  
6 such programs to be completed prior to such individual's graduation from  
7 sixth grade and shall be a requirement for such individual's advancement  
8 to the seventh grade. Where such persons in parental relation require  
9 leave from work to attend and participate in such parent support  
10 instruction programs, the employers of such persons in parental relation  
11 shall provide such persons with one day per year of paid job leave for  
12 this purpose.

13 § 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 319 to read  
14 as follows:

15 § 319. Parent support instruction. The commissioner shall, within one  
16 hundred eighty days of the effective date of this section, and in  
17 consultation with the board of regents, develop guidelines for the  
18 content and distribution of a series of twelve parenting workshops, one  
19 of which shall relate to the subject of physical, emotional and sexual  
20 abuse of children. Pursuant to paragraph f of subdivision two of section  
21 thirty-two hundred twelve of this chapter, the completion of four of  
22 such workshops, one of which is the program on abuse, shall be required  
23 of all persons in parental relation with a child prior to such child's  
24 graduation from sixth grade and shall be a requirement for such child's

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

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1 advancement to the seventh grade. The commissioner shall promulgate  
2 regulations providing for alternative means of participation including,  
3 but not limited to, video or CD, live lectures or printed materials, and  
4 providing for a means of verifiable certification that such program has  
5 been completed.

6 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.