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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- 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 working as a teaching assistant accruing time towards certification and ensuring equal treatment of certificate holders by schools regarding professional development

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

Section 1. Section 3006 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. Time accrual for certification. If teaching experience is required by the commissioner to receive or maintain certification, the commissioner shall allow for experience as a teaching assistant to accrue time towards this requirement at the rate of no less than sixty percent the rate of teaching experience or its equivalent.

§ 2. Section 3006-a of the education law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 4 and 5 to read as follows:

4. No school district shall deny any employee certificate holder from professional development or continuing teacher or leader education provided by the school district during the school day based on the individual's area of employment. All employee certificate holders shall be provided with equal opportunity to receive professional development or continuing teacher and leader education provided by the school district during the school day.

5. Each school district shall maintain records of professional development and continuing teacher or leader education hours for all employee certificate holders.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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