

STATE OF NEW YORK

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SENATE - ASSEMBLY

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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. AMEDORE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, the public health law and the executive law, in relation to establishing a training program for first responders for handling emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities

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

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 13.43 to read as follows:

§ 13.43 First responder training.

(a) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, the office of fire prevention and control, the municipal police training council, and the superintendent of state police, shall develop a training program and associated training materials, to provide instruction and information to firefighters, police officers and emergency medical services personnel on appropriate recognition and response techniques for handling emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. The training program and associated training materials shall include any other information deemed necessary and appropriate by the commissioner.

(b) Such training shall address appropriate response techniques for dealing with both adults and minors with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities.

(c) Such training program may be developed as an online program.

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3054 to read as follows:

§ 3054. Emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. In coordination with the commissioner of developmental disabilities, the commissioner shall provide the training program relating to handling emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other develop-

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

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mental disabilities and associated training materials pursuant to section 13.43 of the mental hygiene law to all emergency medical services personnel including, but not limited to, first responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and emergency vehicle operators.

§ 3. Section 156 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 22 to read as follows:

22. In coordination with the commissioner of developmental disabilities, provide the training program relating to handling emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities and associated training materials pursuant to section 13.43 of the mental hygiene law to all firefighters, both paid and volunteer. The office shall adopt all necessary rules and regulations relating to such training, including the process by which training hours are allocated to counties as well as a uniform procedure for requesting and providing additional training hours.

§ 4. Section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. The council shall, in addition:

(a) Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the commissioner of developmental disabilities, written policies and procedures consistent with section 13.43 of the mental hygiene law, regarding the handling of emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. Such policies and procedures shall make provisions for the education and training of new and veteran police officers on the handling of emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities; and

(b) Recommend to the governor, rules and regulations with respect to the establishment and implementation on an ongoing basis of a training program for all current and new police officers regarding the policies and procedures established pursuant to this subdivision, along with recommendations for periodic retraining of police officers.

§ 5. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 214-f to read as follows:

§ 214-f. Emergency situations involving people with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. The superintendent shall, for all members of the state police:

1. Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the commissioner of developmental disabilities, written policies and procedures consistent with section 13.43 of the mental hygiene law, regarding the handling of emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. Such policies and procedures shall make provisions for the education and training of new and veteran police officers on the handling of emergency situations involving individuals with developmental disabilities; and

2. Recommend to the governor, rules and regulations with respect to establishment and implementation on an ongoing basis of a training program for all current and new police officers regarding the policies and procedures established pursuant to this subdivision, along with recommendations for periodic retraining of police officers.

§ 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the commissioner of developmental disabilities may promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on or before such effective date.