

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

September 18, 2020

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring training for teachers and administrators in the area of childhood trauma

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

1 Section 1. Section 3004 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

3 4-a. In recognizing the effects of trauma on the child development,
4 the commissioner shall prescribe regulations requiring that all persons
5 applying on or after January first, two thousand twenty-two for a teach-
6 ing certificate or license as a special education teacher for the
7 purposes pursuant to article eighty-nine of this chapter shall, in addi-
8 tion to all the other certification or licensing requirements, have
9 completed enhanced course work or training in the area of trauma as it
10 relates to children and its impact on child development and learning. In
11 addition, such regulations shall require that enhanced training in the
12 needs of children who have experienced trauma be provided to each certi-
13 fied school administrator or supervisor assigned on or after January
14 first, two thousand twenty-two to serve as a school administrator
15 including a special education administrator. Such training shall be
16 provided prior to, or as soon as practicable following, assignment as a
17 school administrator or special education administrator. Individuals
18 serving as school administrators or special education administrators as
19 of January first, two thousand twenty-two shall complete such training
20 by such date. The enhanced course work or training shall be obtained
21 from an institution or provider which has been approved by the depart-
22 ment to provide such course work or training in the needs of those who
23 have experienced trauma, provided that enhanced training for certified
24 school administrators or supervisors that meets standards prescribed by
25 the commissioner may be included in the professional development
26 provided by the school district or board of cooperative educational
27 services to such administrators or supervisors.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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