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Introduced by M. of A. BENEDETTO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to including bus drivers and monitors as school personnel for policies and procedures concerning school safety plans

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

Section 1. Paragraphs a, b, and g of subdivision 2 of section 2801-a of the education law, as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, are amended to read as follows:

a. policies and procedures for responding to implied or direct threats of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel **including bus drivers and monitors,** as well as visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which for the purposes of this section shall include suicide;

b. policies and procedures for responding to acts of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel **including bus drivers and monitors,** as well as visitors to the school, including consideration of zero-tolerance policies for school violence;

g. policies and procedures for the dissemination of informative materials regarding the early detection of potentially violent behaviors, including but not limited to the identification of family, community and environmental factors, to teachers, administrators, school personnel **including bus drivers and monitors**, persons in parental relation to students of the district, students and other persons deemed appropriate to receive such information;

§ 2. Subdivision 4 of section 2801-a of the education law, as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

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

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4. Each district-wide school safety team shall be appointed by the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the city school district of the city of New York, and shall include but not be limited to representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school personnel **including bus drivers and monitors**. At the discretion of the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the city of New York, a student may be allowed to participate on the safety team, provided however, that no portion of a confidential building-level emergency response plan shall be shared with such student nor shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency response strategy are discussed. Each building-level emergency response team shall be appointed by the building principal, in accordance with regulations or guidelines prescribed by the board of education, chancellor or other governing body. Such building-level teams shall include but not be limited to representatives of teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel and other school personnel **including bus drivers and monitors**, community members, law enforcement officials, fire officials or other emergency response agencies, and any other representatives the board of education, chancellor or other governing body deems appropriate.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.