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Introduced by Sen. BOYLE -- 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 all school districts within the state to conduct a threat assessment and report the results of such assessment to the department of education and the division of homeland security and emergency services; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 2801-c to read as follows:

§ 2801-c. School threat assessments. 1. The board of education or trustees, as defined in section two of this chapter, of every school district within the state, however created, and every board of cooperative educational services and county vocational education and extension board and the chancellor of the city school district of the city of New York shall conduct a comprehensive district-wide school and building-level threat assessment, provided that in the city school district of the city of New York, such threat assessment shall be conducted by the chancellor of the city school district. Such threat assessments shall be conducted by the district-wide school safety team and building-level emergency response team established pursuant to subdivision four of section twenty-eight hundred one-a of this article in consultation with appropriate experts, and shall be completed within six months of the effective date of this section. The results of such assessments shall be reported to the commissioner and the commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services.

2. Such district-wide school and building-level threat assessment as required by subdivision one of this section shall at a minimum include:

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

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a. an evaluation of the comprehensive district-wide safety and building-level emergency response plans required by section twenty-eight hundred one-a of this article; and

b. an assessment of district-wide and building-level protocols for responding to an active shooter or other lethal attacker.

§ 2. Funding for school threat assessments established pursuant to section 2801-c of the education law, made by section one of this act, shall be paid from the state treasury upon the audit and warrant of the comptroller out of funds made available from the general fund.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 1 year after such date.