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Introduced by M. of A. FERNANDEZ, DE LA ROSA, COLTON, CRUZ, GOTTFRIED, TAYLOR, SIMON, SAYEGH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARRON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law and the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring training for teachers, administrators and instructors in the area of mental health first aid

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 7 to read as follows:

3 7. On and after the effective date of this subdivision, the commis-  
4 sioner, in conjunction with the office of mental health, is authorized  
5 and directed to require training of teachers, administrators and  
6 instructors in the area of mental health first aid. The commissioner  
7 shall have the power to prescribe the necessary regulations and estab-  
8 lish such programs and training related to mental health first aid.

9 § 2. Section 7.07 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new  
10 subdivision (i) to read as follows:

11 (i) The office of mental health shall advise and assist the commis-  
12 sioner of education in developing a training curriculum for teachers,  
13 administrators and instructors in the area of mental health first aid to  
14 meet the needs of a person experiencing mental health issues.

15 § 3. 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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