STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. STIRPE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating a school resource officer working group; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the 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 resource officer working group. 1. The commissioner shall establish a working group to study appropriate standards and training for a person to serve as a school resource officer.

2. Such working group shall include: the commissioner, the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services, the superintendent of state police, a representative from the New York state sheriffs' association, one member of the municipal police training council selected by the governor, one member of the municipal police training council selected by the temporary president of the senate, and one member of the municipal police training council selected by the speaker of the assembly.

3. Such working group shall meet regularly and shall study the options and best practices available and make recommendations for:

a. the need and appropriateness of physical fitness standards, age limitations and training requirements for school resource officers and which agency or organization would be responsible for creating and implementing such standards and requirements;

b. the appropriateness and availability of sensitivity training for school resource officers which prepares such officers to interact with school-aged children and which agencies or organizations could offer such training; and

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

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c. the civil service and benefit ramifications of any proposed standards, if any, as well as potential fiscal ramifications on school districts.

4. The working group created by subdivision one of this section shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature no later than six months after the effective date of this section. Such report shall be bound and made available to the public.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed nine months after the school resource officer working group reports its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature pursuant to section 2801-c of the education law as added by section one of this act.