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

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:

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

4-a. In recognizing the effects of trauma on the child development, the commissioner shall prescribe regulations requiring that all persons applying on or after January first, two thousand twenty-three for a teaching certificate or license as a special education teacher for the purposes pursuant to article eighty-nine of this chapter shall, in addition to all the other certification or licensing requirements, have completed enhanced course work or training in the area of trauma as it relates to children and its impact on child development and learning. In addition, such regulations shall require that enhanced training in the needs of children who have experienced trauma be provided to each certified school administrator or supervisor assigned on or after January first, two thousand twenty-three to serve as a school administrator including a special education administrator. Such training shall be provided prior to, or as soon as practicable following, assignment as a school administrator or special education administrator. Individuals serving as school administrators or special education administrators as of January first, two thousand twenty-three shall complete such training by such date. The enhanced course work or training shall be obtained from an institution or provider which has been approved by the department to provide such course work or training in the needs of those who have experienced trauma, provided that enhanced training for certified school administrators or supervisors that meets standards prescribed by the commissioner may be included in the professional development provided by the school district or board of cooperative educational services to such administrators or supervisors.

§ 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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