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Introduced by M. of A. FRONTUS -- 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 related to recognizing the observable signs and symptoms of abuse in students, and reporting procedures related thereto

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 7 to read as follows:

7. On and after the effective date of this subdivision, the commissioner, in conjunction with the office of mental health, is authorized and directed to require training of teachers, administrators and instructors related to recognizing the observable signs and symptoms of abuse in students, and reporting procedures. The commissioner shall have the power to prescribe the necessary regulations and establish such programs and training related to recognizing the observable signs and symptoms of abuse in students, and reporting procedures related thereto. Such training shall consist of a one hour training session at the beginning of each school year, and a one hour training session at the conclusion of each school year.

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

(i) The office of mental health shall advise and assist the commissioner of education in developing a training curriculum for teachers, administrators and instructors related to recognizing the observable signs and symptoms of abuse in students, and reporting procedures related thereto.

§ 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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