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

AN ACT to amend the education law, the executive law and the public health law, in relation to requiring licensed mental health counselors, psychologists, other certified or licensed counseling professionals and emergency services personnel to complete training in suicide risk assessment and intervention

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

Section 1. Section 7603 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

(4-a) Training: have completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention and a minimum of three hours of continuing education relating to suicide risk assessment and intervention;

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 7704 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d-1) to read as follows:

(d-1) Training: have completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention and a minimum of three hours of continuing education relating to suicide risk assessment and intervention;

§ 3. Subdivision 2 of section 7704 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d-1) to read as follows:

(d-1) Training: have completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention and a minimum of three hours of continuing education relating to suicide risk assessment and intervention;

§ 4. Paragraphs (h) and (i) of subdivision 2 of section 158 of the executive law, as amended by section 28 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, are amended and a new paragraph (j) is added to read as follows:

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

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(h) Exemptions from particular provisions of this article in the case of any county, city, town, village or fire district, if in the opinion of the state fire administrator the standards of fire training established and maintained by such county, city, town, village or fire district are equal to or higher than those established pursuant to this article; or revocation in whole or in part of such exemption, if in his or her opinion the standards of fire training established and maintained by such county, city, town, village or fire district are lower than those established pursuant to this article; [~~and~~]

(i) Education, health and physical fitness requirements for eligibility of persons for provisional or permanent appointment in the competitive class of the civil service as fire fighters as it deems necessary and proper for the efficient performance of such duties; **and**

(j) The requirements for having completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention and a minimum of three hours of continuing education relating to suicide risk assessment and intervention.

§ 5. Subdivision 1 of section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new paragraph (f-1) to read as follows:

(f-1) The requirements for having completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention and a minimum of three hours of continuing education relating to suicide risk assessment and intervention;

§ 6. Section 3052 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. The department is authorized, either directly or through contractual arrangement, to develop requirements for a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention and a minimum of three hours of continuing education relating to suicide risk assessment and intervention.

§ 7. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.