STATE OF NEW YORK

1285--A

2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 11, 2021

Introduced by Sens. BROOKS, BOYLE, HELMING, SKOUFIS, THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the certification or training of teachers, administrators and instructors in the area of dyslexia and related disorders

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

Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 3004 of the education law, as amended by chapter 484 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

5. **(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner is authorized and empowered to certify or require training of teachers, administrators and instructors in the area of autistic needs. The commissioner shall have the power to prescribe the necessary regulations and establish such programs and training related to the needs of autistic children. Such programs and training shall be obtained from an institution or provider which has been approved by the department to provide such programs and training, except that a school district or board of cooperative educational services may provide such training as part of its professional development program.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner is authorized and empowered to certify or require training of teachers, administrators and instructors in the area of dyslexia and related disorders. The commissioner shall have the power to prescribe the necessary regulations and establish such programs and training related to the needs of students of dyslexia and related disorders. Such programs and training shall be obtained from an institution or provider which has been approved by the department to provide such programs and training, except that a school district or board of cooperative educational services may provide such training as part of its professional development program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD03550-02-1