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Introduced by M. of A. KELLES, JACKSON, COLTON, ZINERMAN, TANNOUSIS,
DeSTEFANO, LAVINE, EPSTEIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SIMON --
read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring a licensed
or certified social worker in each elementary, intermediate, middle,
junior high and senior high school

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 803-c
2 to read as follows:

3 § 803-c. Social workers licensed under article one hundred fifty-four
4 of this chapter or certified pursuant to rules and regulations estab-
5 lished by the department, required in elementary, intermediate, middle,
6 junior high and senior high schools. The board of education or trustees
7 of every public school district in the state shall on and after July
8 first, two thousand twenty-three employ and provide access to at least
9 one licensed or certified school social worker in each of the schools
10 under their jurisdiction exclusive of any school social workers funded
11 or mandated through any special education funding, aid, regulation or
12 statute. Such licensed or certified school social worker shall perform
13 such duties within their lawful scope of practice.

14 § 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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