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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requisite training instruction for police officers for crimes involving sexual assaults; and to amend the social services law, in relation to training for child protective services workers in certain instances

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

Section 1. Section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. The council shall promulgate rules and regulations requiring training and instruction for all police officers with respect to crimes involving sexual assault. Such training and instruction, which shall be designed and presented in consultation with the rape crisis centers experienced in assisting victims in this state, shall include, but not be limited to understanding rape and sexual abuse trauma and psychological issues confronted by such crime victims, common attributes of offenders, fair treatment standards for crime victims pursuant to article twenty-three of this chapter, evidence gathering and preservation issues, interview techniques and information concerning the availability of local services for the victims of such crimes. All new officers shall receive such training and instruction, as part of the basic curriculum at the state police academy or at municipal police academies, as applicable. The council shall promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary concerning periodic retraining of police officers regarding crimes involving sexual assault.

§ 2. The opening and closing paragraphs of subdivision 3 of section 421 of the social services law, the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 718 of the laws of 1986 and the closing paragraph as amended by chapter 320 of the laws of 1990, are amended to read as follows:

promulgate regulations setting forth requirements for the performance by local social services departments of the duties and powers imposed and conferred upon them by the provisions of this title and of article ten of the family court act. Such regulations shall establish uniform

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

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1 requirements for the investigation of reports of child abuse or
2 maltreatment under this title. The ~~[department]~~ office of children and
3 family services shall also issue guidelines which shall set forth the
4 circumstances or conditions under which:

5 The ~~[department]~~ office of children and family services shall promul-
6 gate regulations to establish standards for the development of a train-
7 ing curriculum for child protective services workers which teaches
8 appropriate investigatory techniques for reports of sexual abuse and
9 mandates on-going training for child protective services workers, stand-
10 ards for intervention, criteria for case closings, criteria for deter-
11 mining whether or not to initiate a child protective proceeding, and
12 criteria for the formulation of treatment plans and for the delivery of
13 child protective services including specification of the services to be
14 classified as child protective services, which shall also apply to any
15 society for the prevention of cruelty to children which has entered into
16 a currently valid contract with a local department of social services to
17 investigate child abuse or maltreatment reports. The ~~[department]~~ office
18 of children and family services shall promulgate regulations establish-
19 ing minimum standards and practices for the delivery of child protective
20 services in connection with monitoring and supervising respondents and
21 their families as ordered by a family court pursuant to section ten
22 hundred thirty-nine and paragraphs (i), (iii), (iv) and (v) of subdivi-
23 sion (a) of section ten hundred fifty-two of the family court act. Such
24 regulations shall also require local child protective services to comply
25 with notification requirements of the family court act in connection
26 with such monitoring and supervisory responsibilities.

27 § 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 421 of the social
28 services law, as amended by chapter 525 of the laws of 2006, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 (b) promulgate regulations setting forth training requirements which
31 shall specify, among other things, that all persons hired by a child
32 protective service on or after April first, nineteen hundred eighty-six
33 shall have satisfactorily completed a course approved by the ~~[depart-~~
34 ~~ment]~~ office of children and family services within the first three
35 months of employment, in the fundamentals of child protection. Such
36 course shall include at least basic training in the principles and tech-
37 niques of investigations, including relationships with other investi-
38 gative bodies, legal issues in child protection, and methods of remedi-
39 ation, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. Such regulations shall also
40 specify that all persons employed by a child protective service on or
41 after December first, two thousand six shall satisfactorily complete six
42 hours of annual in service training, beginning in their second year of
43 employment. Such annual in service training shall include, but is not
44 limited to, review of the protocols for identification and investigation
45 of child abuse and maltreatment, any developments in legal, treatment
46 and prevention issues in child protection, and review and analysis of
47 field experiences of child protective services workers.

48 § 4. Subdivision 7 of section 421 of the social services law, as
49 amended by chapter 718 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as
50 follows:

51 7. take all reasonable and necessary actions to assure that the local
52 departments of social services are kept apprised on a current basis of
53 the laws, regulations and policies of the ~~[department]~~ office of chil-
54 dren and family services concerning child abuse and maltreatment.

55 § 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
56 have become a law.