STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 13, 2023

Introduced by Sens. BAILEY, FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring two qualified psychiatrists to be employed by each school district

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 902 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph c to read as follows:

c. The board of education, the trustee or board of trustees of each school district, shall employ, at a compensation to be agreed upon by the parties, two qualified psychiatrists as defined in section 9.01 of the mental hygiene law. Such qualified psychiatrists shall perform and coordinate the provision of mental health services in the public schools, and provide mental health appraisals of students attending the public schools in the district.

§ 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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