STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to enacting the "school security guard training enhancement act"

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new article 7-B to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7-B
SCHOOL SECURITY GUARD TRAINING ENHANCEMENT ACT

Section 89-e-1. Short title.
89-f-1. Requirements for a specialized certification.
89-g-1. Implementation and enforcement.

§ 89-e-1. Short title. This article shall be known and may be cited as the "school security guard training enhancement act".

§ 89-f-1. Requirements for a specialized certification. School security guards employed or contracted by a school in this state, including, but not limited to, retired police officers that have been retired for more than five years, shall obtain a specialized certification, in addition to the general security guard license required by article seven-A of this chapter. Such specialized certification shall require the completion of a school-specific training program, including, but not limited to, role and responsibility of school security officers, school-related laws and liability, security awareness in the educational environment, youth mediation/conflict resolution, disasters and emergencies, dynamics of student behavior and cultural awareness, restorative justice, crisis prevention, and the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA).

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

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§ 89-g-1. Implementation and enforcement. 1. The specialized training program shall be implemented and enforced by the department of criminal justice services, in consultation with the division of homeland security, state police and local law enforcement. Such training program shall be standardized and approved statewide.

2. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations relating to prior training and experience satisfying the training requirements of the specialized certification.

3. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the period of time after this section becomes a law when the program shall be implemented.

4. The commissioner shall, upon implementation of the certification program, determine a period of time not to exceed one year that individuals will have to obtain such certificate to continue serving as a school security guard.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.