

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- 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 mandatory continuing education for teachers relating to immigrant focused trauma-informed practices

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 3006-a of the education law, as
2 added by section 2 of subpart C of part EE of chapter 56 of the laws of
3 2015, is amended to read as follows:

4 2. a. During each five-year registration period beginning on or after
5 July first, two thousand sixteen, an applicant for registration shall
6 successfully complete a minimum of one hundred hours of continuing
7 teacher and leader education, as defined by the commissioner. The
8 department shall issue rigorous standards for courses, programs, and
9 activities, that shall qualify as continuing teacher and leader educa-
10 tion pursuant to this section. For purposes of this section, a peer
11 review teacher, or a principal acting as an independent trained evalu-
12 ator, conducting a classroom observation as part of the teacher evalu-
13 ation system pursuant to section three thousand twelve-d of this article
14 may credit such time towards his or her continuing teacher and leader
15 effectiveness requirements.

16 b. (i) Such continuing teacher and leader education required pursuant
17 to this section shall include, but not be limited to, a minimum of ten
18 hours of continuing education courses, programs and activities related
19 to immigrant focused trauma-informed practices to support students who
20 are dealing with adverse childhood or adolescent experiences as a result
21 of immigration status. For purposes of this paragraph, "immigrant
22 focused trauma-informed practices" means a focus on the impact of trauma
23 related to immigration status and the effect such trauma has on physical
24 health, mental health, early childhood or adolescent development and
25 childhood or adolescent traumatic stress. The number of hours of contin-
26 uing education required related to immigrant focused trauma-informed

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

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1 practices during each five-year registration period shall be determined
2 by the department.

3 (ii) The department shall ensure, in consultation with providers of
4 continuing teacher and leader education, that courses, programs and
5 activities related to immigrant focused trauma-informed practices are
6 made sufficiently available for an applicant for registration to comply
7 with the requirements of this paragraph.

8 c. Nothing in this section shall limit the ability of local school
9 districts to agree pursuant to collective bargaining to additional hours
10 of professional development or continuing teacher or leader education
11 above the minimum requirements set forth in this section.

12 [~~e~~] d. A certified individual who has not satisfied the continuing
13 teacher and leader education requirements shall not be issued a five-
14 year registration certificate by the department and shall not practice
15 unless and until a registration or conditional registration certificate
16 is issued as provided in subdivision three of this section. For purposes
17 of this subdivision, "continuing teacher and leader education require-
18 ments" shall mean activities designed to improve the teacher or leader's
19 pedagogical and/or leadership skills, targeted at improving student
20 performance, including but not limited to formal continuing teacher and
21 leader education activities. Such activities shall promote the profes-
22 sionalization of teaching and be closely aligned to district goals for
23 student performance which meet the standards prescribed by regulations
24 of the commissioner. To fulfill the continuing teacher and leader educa-
25 tion requirement, programs must be taken from sponsors approved by the
26 department, which shall include but not be limited to school districts,
27 pursuant to the regulations of the commissioner.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.