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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JENSEN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring new teachers to have completed training for evidence-based reading instruction

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

1 Section 1. Section 3004 of the education law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

3 7. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner  
4 shall prescribe regulations requiring that all persons applying, on or  
5 after January first, two thousand twenty-seven, for a certificate or  
6 license to be a childhood education teacher, early education teacher,  
7 special education teacher, or reading specialist shall, in addition to  
8 all other certification or licensure requirements, have completed two  
9 hours of coursework or training in evidence-based reading instruction.  
10 Such coursework shall include education on:

- 11 i. language acquisition;
- 12 ii. literacy development;
- 13 iii. phonological processing;
- 14 iv. phonics and word recognition development;
- 15 v. spelling;
- 16 vi. fluency and automaticity development;
- 17 vii. vocabulary development;
- 18 viii. text comprehension development;
- 19 ix. assessment administration and interpretation;
- 20 x. letter formation;
- 21 xi. orthographic processing;
- 22 xii. morphological awareness;
- 23 xiii. structure of language;
- 24 xiv. language based learning disabilities;
- 25 xv. written expression; and

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

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- 1 xvi. interventions for struggling readers.
- 2 b. The coursework or training shall be obtained from an institution or
- 3 provider which has been approved by the department to provide such
- 4 coursework or training. Each applicant shall provide the department with
- 5 documentation showing that they have completed the required training.
- 6 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.