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Introduced by M. of A. DE LOS SANTOS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to enacting the "New York City Training and Comprehension of Trauma in Children (TACTIC) Act"

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "New York City Training and Comprehension of Trauma in Children  
3 (TACTIC) Act".

4 § 2. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 7.51 to  
5 read as follows:

6 § 7.51 New York city training and comprehension of trauma in children  
7 (TACTIC) council.

8 (a) For purposes of this section the following terms shall have the  
9 following meanings:

10 1. "Trauma informed care" shall mean trauma informed care as described  
11 by the substance abuse and mental health services administration of the  
12 United States department of health and human services, or any successor  
13 agency, department, or governmental entity.

14 2. "Teacher" shall mean all persons engaged in classroom teaching of  
15 students, on a full-time or part-time basis, including but not limited  
16 to, instructors, counselors, assistants or aides.

17 (b) (i) There is hereby established within the office a New York city  
18 training and comprehension of trauma in children (TACTIC) council.

19 (ii) The TACTIC council shall consist of eight members, four of whom  
20 shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly and four of whom shall  
21 be appointed by the temporary president of the senate. Of the four  
22 members appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one shall be a pedia-  
23 trician, one shall be a child psychologist and two shall be trauma  
24 informed care specialists. Of the four members appointed by the tempo-

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

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1 rary president of the senate, one shall be a behavioral health special-  
2 ist, one shall be a neurologist and two shall be trauma informed care  
3 specialists.

4 (iii) The office, in conjunction with the TACTIC council and the New  
5 York city department of child trauma informed care shall:

6 (1) provide an annual trauma informed care training program to teach-  
7 ers in schools located in the city of New York. Such program shall  
8 include training and instruction led by a district trauma informed care  
9 specialist, including, but not be limited to, understanding the effects  
10 of trauma on students, recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma in  
11 students and learning best practices for assisting and supporting  
12 students who are experiencing or have experienced trauma;

13 (2) establish a mandatory trauma informed care certification program  
14 for teachers. Such program shall be conducted through an online platform  
15 over a span of six to nine months; and

16 (3) establish, in conjunction with the department of child trauma  
17 informed care, monthly trauma informed care parenting workshops, to  
18 assist parents of children who are experiencing or have experienced  
19 trauma. Such workshops shall be offered by the city school district of  
20 the city of New York and shall be led by district trauma informed care  
21 specialists.

22 (c) The TACTIC council shall review the information provided by the  
23 department of child trauma informed care pursuant to paragraph two of  
24 subdivision b of section 21-970 of the administrative code of the city  
25 of New York and shall report to the office and the state legislature  
26 with recommendations to effectively implement and improve child trauma  
27 informed care provided in schools.

28 § 3. Title 21-A of the administrative code of the city of New York is  
29 amended by adding a new chapter 8-A to read as follows:

#### 30 CHAPTER 8-A

#### 31 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD TRAUMA INFORMED CARE

32 § 21-970 Department of child trauma informed care.

33 a. There is hereby established within the department, a department of  
34 child trauma informed care.

35 b. The department of child trauma informed care shall:

36 1. Assist in establishing trauma informed care parenting workshops  
37 pursuant to section 7.51 of the mental hygiene law.

38 2. Compile and report to the training and comprehension of trauma in  
39 children council, pursuant to section 7.51 of the mental hygiene law, on  
40 child trauma informed care provided to schools within the city school  
41 district, including, but not limited to, providing information regarding  
42 school involvement, the number of students identified as experiencing  
43 trauma, details of teacher certification, trauma incidents occurring in  
44 schools and parental assistance provided.

45 3. Administer the mandatory trauma informed care certification program  
46 for all teachers within the city school district.

47 4. Assign trauma informed care specialists to each borough superinten-  
48 dent's office to supervise district trauma informed care specialists.

49 5. Assign district trauma informed care specialists to each school  
50 located within the city school district to implement the annual trauma  
51 informed care training program to teachers and to present the parenting  
52 workshops within the district. Such district trauma informed care  
53 specialists shall report to the trauma informed care specialists  
54 assigned to each borough superintendent's office.

55 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.