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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring health districts be accredited to receive funding from the department of health

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

Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature finds that ensuring high-quality public health services is critical to the well-being of all residents. Accreditation improves accountability, service delivery, and health outcomes by establishing evidence based uniform standards. The legislature recognizes that as the leading national accrediting body for public health in the U.S., the Public Health Accreditation Board supports health departments to improve quality, accountability, and performance.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 201 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (z) to read as follows:

(z) As a condition precedent to receiving funding from the department, the commissioner shall require health districts to register for the public health accreditation board's readiness and training process within one year of the effective date of this paragraph and be accredited within four years after the effective date of this paragraph by an accreditation body approved by the commissioner. The commissioner shall be authorized to establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this paragraph.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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