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Introduced by Sens. LIU, CLEARE, KRUEGER, LANZA, RAMOS, SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on New York City Education -- recommitted to the Committee on New York City Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the number and duties of assistant principals to be assigned to school districts in the city of New York

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. To ensure the safety and security of
2 school communities, the appropriate supervision of staff and personnel,
3 and the proper management of school buildings, all schools must have
4 appropriate staffing, including administrators. To ensure the safety and
5 security of all students and school staff and personnel, the following
6 minimum staffing standards must be met.

7 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 2590-i of the education law is amended
8 by adding three new paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) to read as follows:

9 (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (d) of subdivision four of
10 section twenty-five hundred ninety-j of this article, each school shall
11 have appointed a minimum of one assistant principal. All assistant prin-
12 cipals shall maintain all appropriate certifications as required by
13 regulation.

14 (e) Assistant principals shall be responsible for the safe operation
15 of the school on occasions when the principal is not present.

16 (f) Assistant principals may be required by the chancellor or the
17 superintendent to provide or participate in training or other forms of
18 staff development or to address identified areas of educational need and
19 promote student achievement and school performance.

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

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1 § 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2573 of the education
2 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph iii to read as follows:

3 iii. Notwithstanding subparagraphs i and ii of this paragraph, each
4 school shall appoint a minimum of one full-time assistant principal. All
5 assistant principals shall maintain all appropriate certifications as
6 required by regulation. Assistant principals shall be responsible for
7 the safe operation of the school on occasions when the principal is not
8 present. Assistant principals may be required by the chancellor or the
9 superintendent to provide or participate in training or other forms of
10 staff development or to address identified areas of educational need and
11 promote student achievement and school performance.

12 § 4. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
13 the date on which it shall have become a law; provided however that the
14 amendments to section 2590-i of the education law made by section two of
15 this act shall survive the expiration and reversion of such section as
16 provided in section 17 of chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, as amended.