

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 12, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring school districts to refer a child with a disability for evaluation when application for registration of the child with the district is first made

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

1 Section 1. Section 4401-a of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

3 7. With respect to a student who is registering with a school district
4 for the first time, a referral for initial evaluation as provided in
5 this section shall be made within forty-eight hours of the time of the
6 first contact between the school district and the person or entity
7 registering the student with the school district, provided a request for
8 referral has been made. A referral for evaluation shall not be delayed
9 until registration of the student has been completed.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, if
11 this act shall have become a law after June 30, 2026 it shall take
12 effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and
13 effect on and after June 30, 2026; and provided further, that the amend-
14 ments to section 4401-a of the education law made by section one of this
15 act shall survive the expiration and reversion of such section as
16 provided in subdivision d of section 27 of chapter 378 of the laws of
17 2007, as amended.

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

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