

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 18, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing for an office of special education services to administer programs for children with disabilities

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 4411
2 to read as follows:

3 § 4411. Office of special education services. 1. There is hereby
4 created in the department an office of special education services. The
5 head of the office shall be an assistant commissioner who shall be
6 appointed by the board of regents and who shall hold office at the plea-
7 sure of the board of regents.

8 2. The office of special education services shall be the principal
9 agency for administering and conveying the provisions of this article
10 relating to programs and activities for the education of children with
11 disabilities.

12 3. The assistant commissioner appointed pursuant to this section shall
13 direct the work of the office and shall be the chief executive officer
14 of the office reporting directly to the commissioner. Such assistant
15 commissioner may appoint such officers and employees as they may deem
16 necessary, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, and provide
17 for the reimbursement of their expenses, all within amounts made avail-
18 able therefor by state and federal appropriations; provided that there
19 shall be not less than six officers consisting of three division direc-
20 tors and three bureau chiefs to assist the assistant commissioner.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
22 the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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