STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 15, 2026

Introduced by Sen. BROUK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring SUNY and CUNY institutions which offer a master of social work degree program to offer a maternal mental health elective course to students

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

Section 1. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 22 to read as follows:

22. The state university trustees shall adopt a policy requiring that each institution of the state university of New York that offers a master of social work degree program offer a maternal mental health elective course. Such maternal mental health elective course shall provide comprehensive training in perinatal mood and anxiety disorders and instruct students how to apply best practices in screening, referral and treatment.

§ 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 25 to read as follows:

25. The board of trustees shall adopt a policy requiring that each institution of the city university of New York that offers a master of social work degree program offer a maternal mental health elective course. Such maternal mental health elective course shall provide comprehensive training in perinatal mood and anxiety disorders and instruct students how to apply best practices in screening, referral and treatment.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which 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 date.

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

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