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IN SENATE

January 9, 2025

Introduced by Sens. GOUNARDES, BRISPORT, MYRIE, PARKER, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring a licensed or certified social worker in each elementary, intermediate, middle, junior high and senior high school

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 803-c to read as follows:

§ 803-c. Social workers licensed under article one hundred fifty-four of this chapter or certified pursuant to rules and regulations established by the department, required in elementary, intermediate, middle, junior high and senior high schools. The board of education or trustees of every public school district in the state shall on and after July first, two thousand twenty-five employ and provide access to at least one licensed or certified school social worker in each of the schools under their jurisdiction exclusive of any school social workers funded or mandated through any special education funding, aid, regulation or statute. Such licensed or certified school social worker shall perform such duties within their lawful scope of practice.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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