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Introduced by Sens. BAILEY, PARKER -- 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 training for
teachers and administrators in the area of childhood trauma

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

1 Section 1. Section 3004 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

3 4-a. In recognizing the effects of trauma on child development, the
4 commissioner shall prescribe regulations requiring that all persons
5 applying on or after January first, two thousand twenty-six for a teach-
6 ing certificate or license, including but not limited to a certificate
7 or license valid for service as a classroom teacher, teaching assistant,
8 pupil personnel service professional, school administrator or supervisor
9 or superintendent of schools, shall, in addition to all the other
10 certification or licensing requirements, have completed enhanced course
11 work or training in the area of trauma as it relates to children and its
12 impact on child development and learning. In addition, such regulations
13 shall require that enhanced training in the needs of children who have
14 experienced trauma be provided to each certified school administrator or
15 supervisor assigned on or after January first, two thousand twenty-six
16 to serve as a school administrator including, but not limited to, a
17 special education administrator. Such training shall be provided prior
18 to, or as soon as practicable following, assignment as a school adminis-
19 trator or special education administrator. Individuals serving as school
20 administrators or special education administrators as of January first,
21 two thousand twenty-six shall complete such training by such date. The
22 enhanced course work or training shall be obtained from an institution
23 or provider which has been approved by the department to provide such
24 course work or training in the needs of those who have experienced trau-
25 ma, provided that enhanced training for certified school administrators

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

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1 or supervisors that meets standards prescribed by the commissioner may
2 be included in the professional development provided by the school
3 district or board of cooperative educational services to such adminis-
4 trators or supervisors.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.