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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, ROBINSON, SANTABARBARA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, COOK, GOTTFRIED, PERRY, RUSSELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring comprehensive training for school bus drivers and school bus attendants in the discouragement, prevention and detection of harassment, bullying and discrimination

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

1- 1 Section 1. Section 3650 of the education law is amended by adding a
1- 2 new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

1- 3 <3. The commissioner shall develop a uniform and comprehensive
training>

1- 4 <program for school bus drivers transporting students to and from
school>

1- 5 <by school bus in the discouragement, prevention, and detection of>

1- 6 <harassment, bullying and discrimination as defined under article two
of>

1- 7 <this chapter. Such training shall include, but not be limited to,>

1- 8 <instruction concerning the effects of harassment, bullying and
discrimi->

1- 9 <nation and the appropriate response when a school bus driver
encounters>

1-10 <such situation. The training and instruction required by this
subdivi->

1-11 <sion may be included with the training and instruction required
pursuant>

1-12 <to paragraph a of subdivision one and subdivision two of this
section>

1-13 <and shall be provided at least once per year or more frequently as>

1-14 <determined by the commissioner in consultation with the state
comprehen->

1-15 <give school bus driver safety training council.>

1-16 § 2. Section 1229-d of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
1-17 adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

1-18 <(5) The commissioner of education shall promulgate rules and regu->
1-19 <lations requiring that every school bus attendant serving pupils
with a>

1-20 <disabling condition receive training and instruction relating to
the>

1-21 <discouragement, prevention, and detection of harassment, bullying
and>

1-22 <discrimination as defined under article two of the education law.
Such>

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

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2- 1 <training shall include, but not be limited to, instruction
concerning>

2- 2 <the effects of harassment, bullying and discrimination and the
appropri->

2- 3 <ate response when a school bus attendant encounters such situation.
The>

2- 4 <training and instruction required by this subdivision may be
included>

2- 5 <with the training and instruction required pursuant to this section
and>

2- 6 <shall be provided at least once per year or more frequently as
deter->

2- 7 <mined by the commissioner of education, in consultation with the
state>

2- 8 <comprehensive school bus driver safety training council.>

2- 9 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.