

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 101, 207, 305, 308, and 803-b of the Education Law, as added by Chapter 187 of the Laws of 2019.

1. Subdivision (c) of section 100.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended by adding a new paragraph (12) to read as follows:

(12) for all public school students in grades kindergarten through 8, instruction designed to educate students, parents, teachers, and other school personnel about the prevention of child sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse in accordance with section 803-b of the Education Law. Such instruction may be included as part of a school's health education program pursuant to section 135.3 of this Title. Curriculum addressing this topic should be developed in consultation with school counselors, school social workers, parents and community members and shall be designed to:

(i) assist children, parents, teachers, and other school personnel in identifying child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation;

(ii) provide awareness, assistance, referral, and resource information for children and families who are victims of child sexual abuse and/or child sexual exploitation; and

(ii) be aligned to grade band objectives prescribed by the commissioner in guidance.