

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

DIRECTORY OF POLICY STATEMENTS

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Subject: School Violence Prevention and Intervention for Teacher Certification

During the summer of 2000, the NYS Legislature passed and the Governor signed the Governor's Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act. An amended section 3004 of the Education Law, subdivision 3 reads as follows:

The Commissioner shall prescribe regulations requiring that all persons applying on or after February 2, 2001 for a teaching certificate or license, including but not limited to a certificate or license valid for service as a classroom teacher, teaching assistant, pupil personnel service professional, school administrator or supervisor, or superintendent of schools, shall, in addition to all the other certification or licensing requirements, have completed two hours of course work or training in school violence prevention and intervention. The course work or training shall be obtained from an institution or provider which has been approved by the department to provide such course work or training. Such regulations shall also require that school districts and boards of cooperative educational services include training for teachers and other certified or licensed employees in school violence prevention and intervention in their required professional development plans.