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2. The statute includes a new requirement that each district submit certification to NYSED that all district and school staff have undergone annual training on the emergency response plan, and that the school safety training include components on violence prevention and mental health. New employees hired after the start of the school year must receive training within 30 days of hire. The Department will require schools to certify that all school staff received this training by September 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year, or within 30 days of hire, whichever is sooner.<sup>1</sup>
3. The amendments require district-wide safety plans to include the designation of a chief emergency officer who is responsible for coordinating communication between staff and law enforcement and first responders and for ensuring staff understanding of the district-level safety plan. The chief emergency officer shall also be responsible for ensuring completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans.

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