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Introduced by Sens. FELDER, ESPAILLAT -- 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 admission to a special high school in the city school district of the city of New York; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(b) all specialized [senior] high schools. The special high schools shall include the present schools known as:

The Bronx High School of Science, Stuyvesant High School, Brooklyn Technical High School, Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music and the Arts in the borough of Manhattan, BROOKLYN LATIN SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AT CITY COLLEGE, HIGH SCHOOL OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT LEHMAN COLLEGE, QUEENS HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE SCIENCES AT YORK COLLEGE, AND STATEN ISLAND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, and such [further] ADDITIONAL schools which the city board may designate from time to time. THE CITY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION TO THE SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOLS OF THE CITY DISTRICT, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF MULTIPLE MEASURES OF STUDENT MERIT INCLUDING THE GRADE POINT AVERAGES OF APPLICANTS, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS, SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST SCORES, AND STATE TEST SCORES; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT APPROVED SCHOOL ABSENCES SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A MEASURE OF STUDENT MERIT FOR ATTENDANCE PURPOSES. THE CITY BOARD OR CHANCELLOR SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF THE WEIGHTINGS SELECTED, AND MAKE SUCH EXPLANATION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, INCLUDING VIA THE CITY BOARD'S OFFICIAL INTERNET WEBSITE. THE CHANCELLOR SHALL ENSURE THAT NOTICE OF SUCH SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOLS' ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IS WIDELY AND CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN A MANNER TO MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS THAT RECEIVE NOTICE, INCLUDING PROVIDING NOTICE TO AFFECTED PARENTS AND STUDENTS. The special schools shall be [permitted] REQUIRED to maintain a discovery program [in accordance with the law in effect on the date preceding the effective date of this section; admissions to the special schools shall be conducted in accordance with the law in effect on the date preceding the effective date of this section;]. THE PRINCIPAL OF A

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

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SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOL MAY ADMIT A STUDENT WHO HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED SUCH A PROGRAM AT HIS OR HER SCHOOL, SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS OF THE CITY BOARD.

S 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended by chapter 720 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(b) all specialized [senior] high schools. The special high schools shall include the present schools known as:

The Bronx High School of Science, Stuyvesant High School, Brooklyn Technical High School, Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music and the Arts in the borough of Manhattan, BROOKLYN LATIN SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AT CITY COLLEGE, HIGH SCHOOL OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT LEHMAN COLLEGE, QUEENS HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE SCIENCES AT YORK COLLEGE, AND STATEN ISLAND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, and such [further] ADDITIONAL schools which the city board may designate from time to time. THE CITY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION TO THE SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOLS OF THE CITY DISTRICT, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF MULTIPLE MEASURES OF STUDENT MERIT INCLUDING THE GRADE POINT AVERAGES OF APPLICANTS, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS, SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST SCORES, AND STATE TEST SCORES; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT APPROVED SCHOOL ABSENCES SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A MEASURE OF STUDENT MERIT FOR ATTENDANCE PURPOSES. THE CITY BOARD OR CHANCELLOR SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF THE WEIGHTINGS SELECTED, AND MAKE SUCH EXPLANATION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, INCLUDING VIA THE CITY BOARD'S OFFICIAL INTERNET WEBSITE. THE CHANCELLOR SHALL ENSURE THAT NOTICE OF SUCH SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOLS' ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IS WIDELY AND CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN A MANNER TO MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS THAT RECEIVE NOTICE, INCLUDING PROVIDING NOTICE TO AFFECTED PARENTS AND STUDENTS. The special schools shall be [permitted] REQUIRED to maintain a discovery program [in accordance with the law in effect on the date preceding the effective date of this section; admissions to the special schools shall be conducted in accordance with the law in effect on the date preceding the effective date of this section]. THE PRINCIPAL OF A SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOL MAY ADMIT A STUDENT WHO HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED SUCH A PROGRAM AT HIS OR HER SCHOOL, SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS OF THE CITY BOARD;

S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law, and shall expire and be deemed repealed 5 years after such effective date; provided that the amendments to paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2590-h of the education law, made by sections one and two of this act, shall apply to the Stuyvesant high school, the Bronx high school of science, the Brooklyn technical high school, the Staten Island technical high school, the Queens high school for the sciences at York college, the high school for mathematics, science and engineering at city college, the high school for American studies at Lehman college, the Brooklyn Latin school, and all additional schools that the board of education of the city school district of the city of New York designates as special high schools, not including the Fiorello H. LaGuardia high school of music and the arts; provided, further, that the amendments to paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2590-h of the education law made by section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such section pursuant to subdivision 12 of section 17 of chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect.