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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the allocation of building aid funds to failing and persistently failing schools

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

1     Section 1. Section 3602 of the education law is amended by adding a  
2     new subdivision 6-h to read as follows:  
3     6-H. APPORTIONMENT OF BUILDING AID FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS IN STRUGGLING  
4     AND PERSISTENTLY STRUGGLING SCHOOLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVERTING SUCH  
5     SCHOOLS TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. A. IN LIEU OF THE APPORTIONMENT PAYABLE  
6     PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY  
7     AUTHORIZED TO APPORTION BUILDING AID TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO  
8     THIS SUBDIVISION IN THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE PRODUCT OF: (1) ITS APPROVED  
9     EXPENDITURES IN THE BASE YEAR FOR CAPITAL OUTLAYS FROM THE DISTRICT'S  
10    GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND OR RESERVED FUNDS THAT ARE INCURRED ON OR  
11    AFTER JULY FIRST OF THIS BASE YEAR, OR ITS CURRENT YEAR APPROVED EXPEND-  
12    ITURES FOR DEBT SERVICE OR A LEASE, LEASE-PURCHASE OR OTHER AGREEMENT  
13    RELATING TO AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY TO THE EXTENT SUCH EXPENDITURES  
14    WOULD HAVE BEEN AIDABLE IN THE CURRENT YEAR PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX  
15    OF THIS SECTION OR ITS BASE YEAR APPROVED EXPENDITURES FOR A LEASE-PUR-  
16    CHASE AGREEMENT TO THE EXTENT SUCH EXPENDITURES WOULD BE AIDABLE IN THE  
17    BASE YEAR PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION, AND (2) THE  
18    DISTRICT'S APPLICABLE BUILDING AID RATIO AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO PARA-  
19    GRAPH C OF SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION FOR AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL  
20    CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH C OF THIS SUBDIVISION, IN  
21    AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH B OF THIS SUBDIVISION.  
22    APPROVED EXPENDITURES FOR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT ARE  
23    ELIGIBLE FOR AN APPORTIONMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT BE  
24    ELIGIBLE FOR AID PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION.

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

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1 B. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, AN "ELIGIBLE SCHOOL" SHALL MEAN  
2 AN SCHOOL DESIGNATED AS A STRUGGLING OR PERSISTENTLY STRUGGLING SCHOOL  
3 PURSUANT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER, AS OF THE DATE OF THE  
4 COMMISSIONER'S APPROVAL OF AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, THAT  
5 IS CONVERTING TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF  
6 SECTION TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN-F OF THIS CHAPTER.

7 C. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, AN "ELIGIBLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION  
8 PROJECT" SHALL MEAN ANY PROJECT FOR THE FINANCING, REFINANCING, ACQUI-  
9 TION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION OR IMPROVE-  
10 MENT OF AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING SUSTAINABLE  
11 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS THAT FOSTER COMMUNITY AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT.

12 D. AN APPORTIONMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE DETERMINED  
13 PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION, EXCEPT THAT THE COMMISSION-  
14 ER SHALL ASSIGN SPECIAL RATING CAPACITIES FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FACILITY  
15 SPACES IN AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO  
16 HEALTH SUITES, ADULT EDUCATION SPACES, GUIDANCE SUITES, RESOURCE ROOMS,  
17 REMEDIAL ROOMS AND PARENT/COMMUNITY ROOMS, SHARED AND CLASSROOM SPACES  
18 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS,  
19 AUDITORIUMS, CAFETERIAS, LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOMS AND GYMNASIUMS AS  
20 DEFINED IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT COST  
21 ALLOWANCES FOR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UNDER THIS SECTION  
22 SHALL BE THE LESSER OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN PER CENTUM OF THE COST ALLOW-  
23 ANCES FOR COMPARABLE INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE DETERMINED UNDER SUBDIVISION  
24 SIX OF THIS SECTION OR THE ACTUAL COSTS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION,  
25 ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION OR IMPROVEMENT OF A SCHOOL  
26 BUILDING.

27 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
28 the date on which it shall have become a law.