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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the salaries of certain teachers and aids employed by boards of cooperative educational services

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

Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 5 of section 1950 of the education law, as amended by section 80-a of part A of chapter 58 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

b. The cost of services herein referred to shall be the amount allocated to each component school district by the board of cooperative educational services to defray expenses of such board, except that that part of the salary paid any teacher, supervisor or other employee of the board of cooperative educational services which is in excess of thirty thousand dollars shall not be such an approved expense, and except also that administrative and clerical expenses shall not exceed ten percent of the total expenses for purposes of this computation. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, BEGINNING WITH EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN-TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN SCHOOL YEAR AND THEREAFTER, THAT PART OF THE SALARY PAID TO ANY TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OR OTHER EMPLOYEE OF A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF THE LESSER OF THE ACTUAL SALARY OR THE AVERAGE STATEWIDE SALARY FOR SUCH TEACHING, SUPERVISORY, OR OTHER POSITION AS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT BE AN APPROVED EXPENSE, AND FURTHER PROVIDED THAT ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL EXPENSES SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL EXPENSES FOR PURPOSES OF THIS COMPUTATION. Any gifts, donations or interest earned by the board of cooperative educational services or on behalf of the board of cooperative educational services by the dormitory authority or any other source shall not be deducted in determining the cost of services allocated to each component school district. Any payments made to a compo-

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

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nent school district by the board of cooperative educational services pursuant to subdivision eleven of section six-p of the general municipal law attributable to an approved cost of service computed pursuant to this subdivision shall be deducted from the cost of services allocated to such component school district. The expense of transportation provided by the board of cooperative educational services pursuant to paragraph q of subdivision four of this section shall be eligible for aid apportioned pursuant to subdivision seven of section thirty-six hundred two of this chapter and no board of cooperative educational services transportation expense shall be an approved cost of services for the computation of aid under this subdivision. Transportation expense pursuant to paragraph q of subdivision four of this section shall be included in the computation of the ten percent limitation on administrative and clerical expenses.

S 2. Paragraph b of subdivision 10 of section 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 16 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

b. Aid for career education. There shall be apportioned to such city school districts and other school districts which were not components of a board of cooperative educational services in the base year for pupils in grades ten through twelve in attendance in career education programs as such programs are defined by the commissioner, subject for the purposes of this paragraph to the approval of the director of the budget, an amount for each such pupil to be computed by multiplying the career education aid ratio by [three thousand nine hundred dollars] THE DISTRICT'S SELECTED FOUNDATION AID AS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION. Such aid will be payable for weighted pupils attending career education programs operated by the school district and for weighted pupils for whom such school district contracts with boards of cooperative educational services to attend career education programs operated by a board of cooperative educational services. Weighted pupils for the purposes of this paragraph shall mean the sum of the attendance of students in grades ten through twelve in career education sequences in trade, industrial, technical, agricultural or health programs plus the product of sixteen hundredths multiplied by the attendance of students in grades ten through twelve in career education sequences in business and marketing as defined by the commissioner in regulations. The career education aid ratio shall be computed by subtracting from one the product obtained by multiplying fifty-nine percent by the combined wealth ratio. This aid ratio shall be expressed as a decimal carried to three places without rounding, but not less than thirty-six percent.

Any school district that receives aid pursuant to this paragraph shall be required to use such amount to support career education programs in the current year.

A board of education which spends less than its local funds as defined by regulations of the commissioner for career education in the base year during the current year shall have its apportionment under this subdivision reduced in an amount equal to such deficiency in the current or a succeeding school year, provided however that the commissioner may waive such reduction upon determination that overall expenditures per pupil in support of career education programs were continued at a level equal to or greater than the level of such overall expenditures per pupil in the preceding school year.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the calculation of BOCES aid and aid for career education payable in the 2016-2017 school year and years thereafter.