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Introduced by Sen. VALESKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the city school district of the city of Syracuse

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the education law is  
2     amended by adding a new paragraph h to read as follows:  
3     H. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE  
4     CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, PURSUANT TO ADOPTION OF A  
5     RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SETTING FORTH A PLAN, MAY ENTER  
6     INTO A PILOT PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED FIVE SCHOOL YEARS BEGINNING IN THE  
7     TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE  
8     TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN RESIDING WITHIN THE DISTRICT  
9     ATTENDING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE FIVE WHO LIVE ONE MILE OR MORE FROM  
10    THE SCHOOL THEY LEGALLY ATTEND. SUCH TRANSPORTATION SHALL BE RESTRICTED  
11    TO TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CHILDREN'S HOMES OR BEFORE OR AFTER-SCHOOL  
12    CHILD CARE LOCATIONS AND, IF OFFERED, SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH STUDENT  
13    UP TO A DISTANCE OF FIFTEEN MILES, PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT THE BOARD OF  
14    EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY APPROVE TRANSPORTATION FOR  
15    CHILDREN WHO LIVE WITHIN ONE MILE FROM THE SCHOOL THEY LEGALLY ATTEND IF  
16    SUCH TRANSPORTATION IS NECESSARY DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS. TRANSPORTATION  
17    PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE OFFERED EQUALLY TO ALL CHILDREN IN  
18    LIKE CIRCUMSTANCES RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT. FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUT-  
19    ING APPROVED TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES FOR TRANSPORTATION AID, EXPENSES  
20    FOR TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE  
21    INCLUDED. THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE SHALL  
22    PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE  
23    TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE COMMISSIONER ON THE RESULTS OF  
24    THE FIRST FOUR YEARS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE COST AND BENE-  
25    FIT ANALYSIS OF INCREASED OR DECREASED COSTS FOR THE THE CITY SCHOOL  
26    DISTRICT AND THE STATE, ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND  
27    TWENTY.  
28    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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