

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to additional financial aid provided to certain school districts

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 3602 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 16-a to read as follows:

16-a. Pupil low spending aid. a. Each school district shall be eligible to receive an additional aid apportionment pursuant to this subdivision if such district meets certain thresholds based on the average spending per pupil. Such aid shall be distributed on an annual basis and shall be apportioned as follows:

(1) For a district determined to be a high need school district by the commissioner using the most current total funding allocation statements required pursuant to section three thousand six hundred fourteen of this part, the regional spending per pupil as well as the district spending per pupil shall be calculated. If the regional spending per pupil is more than ten percent higher than the district spending per pupil, then such district shall be awarded aid in an amount of one hundred dollars multiplied by the amount of percentage points above ten percent, per pupil.

(2) For a district determined to be an average need school district by the commissioner using the most current total funding allocation statements required pursuant to section three thousand six hundred fourteen of this part, the regional spending per pupil as well as the district spending per pupil shall be calculated. If the regional spending per pupil is more than ten percent higher than the district spending per pupil, then such district shall be awarded aid in an amount of fifty dollars multiplied by the amount of percentage points above ten percent, per pupil.

b. For purposes of this subdivision, "regional spending" shall be broken down into the following:

(1) Long Island (which consists of Suffolk and Nassau counties);

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

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1 (2) the city of New York (which consists of Bronx, New York, Queens,
2 Brooklyn, and Richmond counties);

3 (3) the Mid-Hudson region (which consists of Sullivan, Ulster, Dutch-
4 ess, Orange, Putnam, Westchester, and Rockland counties);

5 (4) the Southern tier (which consists of Steuben, Schuyler, Tompkins,
6 Chemung, Tioga, Chenango, Broome, and Delaware counties);

7 (5) the Capital region (which consists of Warren, Washington, Sarato-
8 ga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Albany, Columbia, and Greene counties);

9 (6) the Mohawk valley (which consists of Oneida, Herkimer, Fulton,
10 Montgomery, Otsego, and Schoharie counties);

11 (7) the North country (which consists of Clinton, Franklin, St.
12 Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Hamilton, and Essex counties);

13 (8) the Central region (which consists of Oswego, Cayuga, Onondaga,
14 Madison, and Cortland counties);

15 (9) the Finger Lakes region (which consists of Orleans, Monroe, Wayne,
16 Genesee, Wyoming, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates counties); and

17 (10) the Western region (which consists of Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua,
18 Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties).

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.