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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to contract cost adjustments in the middle of contract terms for school districts transportation contracts

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph d of subdivision 14 of section 305 of the education law, as added by chapter 552 of the laws of 1995, is amended to
2 read as follows:

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4 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs a, b and c of this
5 subdivision, the board of education or the trustee of a district and a
6 contractor providing pupil transportation services to such district may
7 amend a contract for pupil transportation services upon a finding that
8 such amendment is necessary to comply with any federal, state or local
9 law, rule or regulation imposed after the execution of such contract, or
10 to enhance the safety of pupil transportation, as determined by the
11 board or trustee subject to the approval of the commissioner pursuant to
12 regulations which shall require demonstrable enhancements in pupil safety
13 and/or increased savings consistent with maintaining pupil safety.
14 Such amendment shall cause no additional cost to the state, locality or
15 school district unless such amendment is necessary to comply with any
16 federal, state or local law, rule and provided that it has been estab-
17 lished by the contractor that there has been at least an equivalent
18 increase in the amount of such contractor's cost of operation. The
19 commissioner shall not approve such an amendment if the commissioner
20 finds that it circumvents the competitive bidding requirements contained
21 in paragraph a of this subdivision, or otherwise violates this section
22 or any other provision of law, or fails to increase or maintain the
23 safety of pupil transportation.

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

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1 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
2 the amendments to paragraph d of subdivision 14 of section 305 of the
3 education law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expi-
4 ration and repeal of such paragraph and shall be deemed repealed there-
5 with.