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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on New York City Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the "New York city Caribbean steel pan educational music program act"

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "New York city Caribbean steel pan educational music program act".

3 § 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 414 of the education
4 law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (c) For holding social, civic and recreational meetings and enter-
7 tainments, and other uses pertaining to the welfare of the community;
8 but such meetings, entertainment and uses shall be non-exclusive and
9 shall be open to the general public; provided, however, community school
10 boards in the city of New York shall authorize the use of school grounds
11 during the summer months for use by any steel pan music organization to
12 practice for the Labor Day Parade (West Indian Carnival). Civic meetings
13 shall include, but not be limited to, meetings of parent associations
14 and parent-teacher associations.

15 § 3. Subdivision 27 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended
16 by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

17 27. Promulgate regulations, in conjunction with each community super-
18 intendent, establishing a plan for providing access to school facilities
19 in each community school district, when not in use for school purposes,
20 in accordance with the provisions of section four hundred fourteen of
21 this chapter. Such plan shall include access to school grounds during
22 the summer months for steel pan music organizations to practice for the
23 Labor Day Parade (West Indian Carnival). Such plan shall set forth a
24 reasonable system of fees not to exceed the actual costs and specify
25 that no part of any fee shall directly or indirectly benefit or be

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

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1 deposited into an account which inures to the benefit of the custodians
2 or custodial engineers.

3 § 4. Section 2590-h of the education law is amended by adding a new
4 subdivision 57 to read as follows:

5 57. Establish steel pan music curriculum or instruction for community
6 school districts. The contents may be varied to meet the needs of
7 particular community school districts, or portions thereof, and need not
8 be uniform throughout the city. The content shall be age appropriate and
9 shall be developed according to the needs and abilities of pupils at
10 successive grade levels in order to provide skills and information on
11 steel pan music.

12 § 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
13 have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to section
14 2590-h of the education law made by sections three and four of this act
15 shall not affect the expiration of such section and shall be deemed
16 repealed therewith. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment
17 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
18 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
19 completed on or before such date.