

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. STEWART-COUSINS -- read twice and ordered printed,
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AN ACT in relation to apportioning funds to the Yonkers city school
district for services and expenses

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

- 1 Section 1. The Yonkers city school district shall be paid on an accel-
2 erated schedule as follows:
- 3 (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, for aid payable
4 in the school years 2024-2025 through 2053-2054 upon application to the
5 commissioner of education submitted not sooner than the second Monday in
6 May of the school year in which such aid is payable and not later than
7 the Friday following the third Monday in May of the school year in which
8 such aid is payable, or ten days after the effective date of this act,
9 whichever shall be later, the Yonkers city school district shall be
10 eligible to receive an apportionment pursuant to this act in an amount
11 equal to the product of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) and the
12 quotient of the positive difference of thirty minus the number of school
13 years elapsed since the 2024-2025 school year divided by thirty.
- 14 (2) Funds apportioned pursuant to this subdivision shall be used for
15 services and expenses of the Yonkers city school district and shall be
16 applied to support of its educational programs and any liability
17 incurred by such city school district in carrying out its functions and
18 responsibilities under the education law.
- 19 (b) The claim for an apportionment to be paid to the Yonkers city
20 school district pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section shall be
21 submitted to the commissioner of education on a form prescribed for such
22 purpose and shall be payable upon determination by such commissioner
23 that the form has been submitted as prescribed and that the school
24 district has complied with the reporting requirements of this act. For
25 each school year in which application is made pursuant to subdivision
26 (a) of this section, such approved amount shall be payable on or before
27 May thirty-first of such school year upon the audit and warrant of the
28 state comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner

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

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1 of education in the manner prescribed by law from moneys in the state
2 lottery fund appropriated for general support of public schools and from
3 the general fund to the extent that the amount paid to the Yonkers city
4 school district pursuant to this subdivision and subdivision (a) of this
5 section exceeds the amount of the moneys apportioned, if any, for gener-
6 al support for public schools due such school district pursuant to
7 section 3609-a of the education law on or before September first of such
8 school year.

9 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3609-a of the education
10 law, an amount equal to the amount paid to the Yonkers city school
11 district during the base year pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of
12 this section shall first be deducted from payments due during the
13 current school year pursuant to subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5)
14 of paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 3609-a of the education law
15 in the following order: the lottery apportionment payable pursuant to
16 subparagraph (2) of paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 3609-a of
17 the education law followed by the fixed fall payments payable pursuant
18 to subparagraph (4) of paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 3609-a of
19 the education law, and any remainder to be deducted from the individual-
20 ized payments due to the district pursuant to paragraph b of subdivision
21 1 of section 3609-a of the education law shall be deducted on a chrono-
22 logical basis starting with the earliest payment due the district.

23 (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the sum of payments
24 made to the Yonkers city school district during the base year pursuant
25 to subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section plus payments made to such
26 school district during the current year pursuant to section 3609-a of
27 the education law shall be deemed to truly represent all aids paid to
28 such school district during the current school year pursuant to section
29 3609-a of the education law for the purposes of computing any adjust-
30 ments to such aids that may occur in a subsequent school year.

31 (e) (1) On or before the first day of each month beginning in July
32 2025 and ending in June 2055, the chief fiscal officer and the super-
33 intendent of schools of the Yonkers city school district shall prepare
34 and submit to the board of education a report of the fiscal condition of
35 the school district, including but not limited to the most current
36 available data on fund balances on funds maintained by the school
37 district and the district's use of the apportionments provided pursuant
38 to subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section.

39 (2) Such monthly report shall be in a format prescribed by the commis-
40 sioner of education. The board of education shall either reject and
41 return the report to the chief fiscal officer and the superintendent of
42 schools for appropriate revisions and resubmittal or shall approve the
43 report and submit copies to the commissioner of education and the state
44 comptroller of such approved report as submitted or resubmitted.

45 (3) In the 2024-2025 through 2053-2054 school years, the chief fiscal
46 officer of the Yonkers city school district shall monitor all budgets
47 and for each budget, shall prepare a quarterly report of summarized
48 budget data depicting overall trends of actual revenues and budget
49 expenditures for the entire budget as well as individual line items.
50 Such report shall compare revenue estimates and appropriations as set
51 forth in such budget with the actual revenues and expenditures made to
52 date. All quarterly reports shall be accompanied by a recommendation
53 from the superintendent of schools or chief fiscal officer to the board
54 of education setting forth any remedial actions necessary to resolve any
55 unfavorable budget variance including the overestimation of revenue and
56 underestimation of appropriations. The chief fiscal officer shall also

1 prepare, as part of such report, a quarterly trial balance of general
2 ledger accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting princi-
3 ples as prescribed by the state comptroller. All reports shall be
4 completed within sixty days after the end of each quarter and shall be
5 submitted to the chief fiscal officer and the board of education of the
6 Yonkers city school district, the state division of budget, the office
7 of the state comptroller, the commissioner of education, the chair of
8 the assembly ways and means committee and the chair of the senate
9 finance committee.
10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.