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Introduced by M. of A. FITZPATRICK, TAGUE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARCLAY, DeSTEFANO, HAWLEY, MANKTELOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to electronic and print publication of certain school district reports; and to amend the general municipal law, in relation to additional definitions

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 2-f to read as follows:

§ 2-f. Publication of school reports. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law or regulation, no later than seven calendar days after the approval by any trustee, principal, officer, or board of education of any public school in any BOCES, city, union free, common or central school district or any charter school, such school shall make available on a school or district sponsored website and in printed form at the district office all audit reports, proposed and enacted budgets, expenditure reports, union contracts, superintendent contracts, and the minutes of all school board meetings.

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 810 of the general municipal law, as amended by section 5 of part J of chapter 59 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3. The term "local officer or employee" shall mean **a superintendent, district superintendent or school business official as well as** the heads (other than local elected officials) of any agency, department, division, council, board, commission, or bureau of a political subdivision and their deputies and assistants, and the officers and employees of such agencies, departments, divisions, boards, bureaus, commissions or councils who hold policy-making positions, as annually determined by the appointing authority and set forth in a written instrument which shall be filed with the appropriate body during the month of February; except

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

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that the term "local officer or employee" shall not mean a judge, justice, officer or employee of the unified court system. Members, officers, and employees of each industrial development agency and authority established by this chapter or created by the public authorities law shall be deemed officers or employees of the county, city, village, or town for whose benefit such agency or authority is established or created.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.