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Introduced by M. of A. SAYEGH, FORREST, SIMON, ZINERMAN, COOK, BRABENEC, GIGLIO, LEMONDES, CRUZ, SHIMSKY, BROOK-KRASNY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. LEVENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to increasing foundation aid to school districts located in a high wealth ratio county that meet five variables impacting academic success: free or reduced lunch, English language learners, wealth ratio, enrollment, and special education

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "school aid
2 equity act".

3 § 2. Section 3602 of the education law is amended by adding a new
4 subdivision 42 to read as follows:

5 42. Foundation aid to address school district funding inequity.
6 Commencing with aid payable in the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand
7 twenty-seven school year, the commissioner shall increase the amount of
8 foundation aid, at a rate determined by the commissioner, for school
9 districts that all of the following conditions and criteria apply:

10 a. a three-year average free and reduced price lunch percent greater
11 than two-thirds or sixty-seven percent (0.67);

12 b. an English language learner count that totals above thirteen
13 percent (0.13) of the entire school district population;

14 c. a combined wealth ratio greater than seven-tenths percent (0.7);

15 d. an increase in enrollment of at least two percent (0.02) since the
16 two thousand fifteen--two thousand sixteen school year; and

17 e. a special education count that totals above eight percent (0.08) of
18 the entire school district population.

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

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1 Nothing in this subdivision shall reduce the amount of foundation aid
2 to any school district in which this subdivision's conditions and crite-
3 ria do not apply.

4 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.