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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the provision of transportation after 4pm by school districts in Sullivan county

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 3627-a to read as follows:

§ 3627-a. Transportation after 4pm for Sullivan county. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, for the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year and thereafter, every school district located in the county of Sullivan providing transportation pursuant to this chapter shall be responsible for:

(a) (i) providing transportation for every child attending a public or nonpublic school who resides in an area containing at least fifty children within a five mile radius who remains at the same school for which they are enrolled for regularly scheduled academic classes from half-past nine o'clock in the morning or earlier until four o'clock in the afternoon or later, on weekdays;

(ii) such transportation shall be provided to all children attending grades kindergarten through eight who live more than two miles from the school, which they legally attend, and for all children attending grades nine through twelve who live more than three miles from the school which they legally attend, and shall be provided for each such pupil up to a distance of fifteen miles, the distances in each case being measured by the nearest available route from such child's home to school; or

(b) reimbursing the cost incurred by licensed transportation carriers pursuant to contracts with such school district for providing transportation for those children attending public and nonpublic schools attending grades kindergarten through eight who live more than two miles from the school, which they legally attend, and for all children attending

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

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grades nine through twelve who live more than three miles from the school which they legally attend, and shall be provided for each such pupil up to a distance of fifteen miles, the distances in each case being measured by the nearest available route from such child's home to school.

2. Nothing herein shall prohibit the school district from reimbursing for costs incurred for contracts between the school district and any entity providing or contracting for such transportation service.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any expenditures for transportation provided pursuant to this section in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year and thereafter and otherwise eligible for transportation aid pursuant to subdivision seven of section thirty-six hundred two of this article shall be considered approved transportation expenses eligible for transportation aid.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, in no event shall a school district, in order to comply with the requirements of this section, be required to incur any costs in excess of the amount eligible for transportation aid pursuant to subdivision four of this section. In the event such amount is insufficient, such school district shall provide transportation services within such amount on an equitable basis, until such apportionment is exhausted.

5. Each board of education, in consultation with the commissioner, shall prescribe the most cost-effective system for implementing the requirements of this section, taking into consideration policies that maximize student safety for the student to be transported.

6. The parent or guardian, or any representative authorized by such parent or guardian, may submit a written request for transportation under this section, in the same manner and upon the same dates as are required for a request for transportation pursuant to subdivision two of section thirty-six hundred thirty-five of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.