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Introduced by M. of A. HOYT, PEOPLES, SCHROEDER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend chapter 605 of the laws of 2000, relating to the construction of new educational facilities, the financing of such facilities, and the financing of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of existing facilities in the city of Buffalo, in relation to the financing of additional projects for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of existing facilities in the city of Buffalo

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature hereby finds and  
2 determines:

3 The scope of projects to be financed in Phase V has been expressly  
4 authorized in this legislation and is subject to the approval of the  
5 commissioner of education. In addition, such financing may result in  
6 certain additional project funding financing costs which are not  
7 incurred in typical school district general obligation bond issues.

8 S 2. Subdivisions (b) and (d) of section 16 of chapter 605 of the laws  
9 of 2000, relating to the construction of new educational facilities, the  
10 financing of such facilities, and the financing of the rehabilitation  
11 and reconstruction of existing facilities in the city of Buffalo, as  
12 amended by chapter 492 of the laws of 2008, are amended and three new  
13 subdivisions (l), (m) and (n) are added to read as follows:

14 (b) A project for the renovation, rehabilitation or reconstruction of  
15 an educational facility of the city school district that was either:

16 (i) approved by the commissioner prior to February 1, 2003; or  
17 (ii) submitted to the commissioner and identified as project number  
18 0074-005, project number 7999-010, project number 0006-013, project  
19 number 0033-008, project number 0037-007, project number 0039-011,  
20 project number 0069-011, project number 0082-004, project number  
21 0090-006, project number 0091-011, project number 0094-012, project

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

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1 number 0095-012, project number 0192-007, project number 0200-011,  
2 project number 0304-011, project number 7999-011, project number  
3 7999-012, project number 7999-013, project number 0676-001, and project  
4 number 2606-004; or

5 (iii) submitted to the commissioner and identified as project number  
6 0027-008, project number 0032-008, project number 0043-010, project  
7 number 0045-007, project number 0076-007, project number 0195-027,  
8 project number 0205-014, project number 0206-013, project number  
9 0301-012, project number 7999-014, and project number 7999-015; or

10 (iv) submitted to the commissioner and identified as project number  
11 0003-010, project number 0017-008, project number 0054-006, project  
12 number 0072-007, project number 0081-006, project number 0084-003,  
13 project number 0093-005, project number 0203-015, project number  
14 0305-009, project number 0306-012, project number 7999-016, and project  
15 number 7999-017 may be financed through a special program agreement with  
16 the state of New York municipal bond bank agency pursuant to the  
17 provisions of section 2435-a of the public authorities law; OR

18 (V) SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER AND IDENTIFIED AS PROJECT NUMBER  
19 0018-004, PROJECT NUMBER 0053-007, PROJECT NUMBER 0059-007, PROJECT  
20 NUMBER 0061-010, PROJECT NUMBER 0064-006, PROJECT NUMBER 0065-010,  
21 PROJECT NUMBER 0202-012, PROJECT NUMBER 7999-018, AND PROJECT NUMBER  
22 7999-019 MAY BE FINANCED THROUGH A SPECIAL PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE  
23 STATE OF NEW YORK MUNICIPAL BOND BANK AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS  
24 OF SECTION 2435-A OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW.

25 Provided, however, that no more than nine projects submitted pursuant  
26 to paragraph (i) of this subdivision and twenty projects submitted  
27 pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subdivision and eleven projects  
28 submitted pursuant to paragraph (iii) of this subdivision and twelve  
29 projects submitted pursuant to paragraph (iv) of this subdivision AND  
30 NINE PROJECTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (V) OF THIS SUBDIVISION,  
31 once approved for aid by the commissioner, may be financed pursuant to  
32 this subdivision. It shall be the duty of the JSC board, the city school  
33 district and the city to compare the financing available for such  
34 projects through the Erie county industrial development agency with  
35 financing available through the state of New York municipal bond bank  
36 agency, and to employ the financing mechanism that will result in the  
37 lowest cost to the taxpayers of the city and the state. It shall be the  
38 duty of the JSC board, the city school district, the city and the Erie  
39 county industrial development agency to share with the state of New York  
40 municipal bond bank agency any information in their possession that is  
41 required by the state of New York municipal bond bank agency to deter-  
42 mine the cost of financing such projects and to compute the interest  
43 rate that would have been applicable to a bond issuance by the state of  
44 New York municipal bond bank agency in the event that financing is  
45 obtained through the Erie county industrial development agency. Any  
46 failure to provide such information within thirty days of receipt of a  
47 request from the state of New York municipal bond bank agency shall be  
48 deemed to be a failure of the city school district to submit the data  
49 needed to compute the apportionment of state building aid, and the  
50 commissioner shall withhold such apportionment until such information is  
51 fully submitted. Upon request of the commissioner, the director of the  
52 state of New York municipal bond bank agency shall submit such reports  
53 as the commissioner may require on the financing of such projects and/or  
54 the interest rate that would have been applicable to such projects if  
55 they had been financed through such agency.

1 (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of this section, contracts for the  
2 renovation, rehabilitation or reconstruction of an educational facility  
3 that has been submitted to the commissioner and identified as project  
4 number 7999-010, project number 7999-012, project number 0676-001,  
5 project number 7999-015 [and], project number 7999-016, AND PROJECT  
6 NUMBER 7999-019 need not be awarded pursuant to the process required in  
7 such subdivision.

8 (L) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, IF THE  
9 TOTAL PROJECT COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECTS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO  
10 PARAGRAPH (V) OF SUBDIVISION (B) OF THIS SECTION EXCEEDS THE ESTIMATED  
11 TOTAL PROJECT COST OF 195 MILLION DOLLARS, THEN THE JSC BOARD SHALL  
12 REPORT SUCH INFORMATION, ALONG WITH EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTATION REGARDING  
13 THE INCREASE IN COST, TO THE GOVERNOR, THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER,  
14 THE COMMISSIONER, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER  
15 OF THE ASSEMBLY.

16 (M) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE  
17 JSC BOARD SHALL SUBMIT ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS FOR THE PROJECTS AUTHOR-  
18 IZED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (V) OF SUBDIVISION (B) OF THIS SECTION AFTER  
19 THE COMPLETION OF SCHEMATIC PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR REVIEW BY THE  
20 COMMISSIONER. IF THE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH PROJECTS  
21 EXCEED THE SUM OF THE ESTIMATED INDIVIDUAL APPROVED COST ALLOWANCES OF  
22 EACH BUILDING PROJECT BY MORE THAN THE LESSER OF \$20 MILLION OR TEN  
23 PERCENT OF THE APPROVED COSTS, AND THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS NOT  
24 OTHERWISE DEMONSTRATED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE NEW YORK STATE EDUCA-  
25 TION DEPARTMENT THE AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL LOCAL SHARES FOR SUCH  
26 EXCESS COSTS, THEN THE JSC BOARD SHALL NOT PROCEED WITH THE PREPARATION  
27 OF FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUCH PROJECTS UNTIL THE PROJECTS  
28 HAVE BEEN REDESIGNED OR VALUE-ENGINEERED TO REDUCE ESTIMATED PROJECT  
29 COSTS SO AS NOT TO EXCEED THE ABOVE COST LIMITS.

30 (N) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE  
31 JSC BOARD SHALL SUBMIT ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS FOR THE PROJECTS AUTHOR-  
32 IZED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (V) OF SUBDIVISION (B) OF THIS SECTION AFTER  
33 THE COMPLETION OF FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS  
34 FOR REVIEW BY THE COMMISSIONER. IF THE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ASSOCIATED  
35 WITH SUCH PROJECTS EXCEED THE SUM OF THE ESTIMATED INDIVIDUAL APPROVED  
36 COST ALLOWANCE OF EACH BUILDING PROJECT BY MORE THAN THE LESSER OF 20  
37 MILLION DOLLARS OR TEN PERCENT OF THE APPROVED COSTS, AND THE CITY  
38 SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS NOT OTHERWISE DEMONSTRATED TO THE SATISFACTION OF  
39 THE NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THE AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL  
40 LOCAL SHARE FOR SUCH EXCESS COSTS, THEN THE JSC BOARD SHALL NOT PROCEED  
41 WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE REMAINING FIFTY PERCENT OF THE PLANS AND  
42 SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUCH PROJECTS UNTIL THE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN REDESIGNED  
43 OR VALUE-ENGINEERED TO REDUCE ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS SO AS NOT TO  
44 EXCEED THE ABOVE COST LIMITS.

45 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.