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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of education of the city of New York to provide school bus service to students in grades kindergarten through six who reside one-half mile or more from school

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

Section 1. Subdivision b of section 19-606 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 48 of the city of New York for the year 2000, is amended to read as follows:

b. 1. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE SCHOOL BUS SERVICE TO ALL GENERAL EDUCATION STUDENTS WHO LIVE ONE-HALF MILE OR MORE FROM THE SCHOOL THEY ATTEND AND WHO ARE ENROLLED IN A GRADE FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIX, INCLUSIVE.

2. The [board] DEPARTMENT of education shall prepare and, when necessary, revise two school bus service plans annually to ensure that all students eligible to receive school bus service to and from the schools they legally attend shall be provided with a seat on a school bus. One plan shall relate to school bus service to be provided during the session of the school year beginning in September and ending in June and one plan shall relate to school bus service to be provided during a summer school session. Each plan shall be prepared prior to the first day of the session of the school year to which it relates and shall include the following information: (i) the criteria used by the [board] DEPARTMENT of education to determine whether a student is eligible to receive school bus service; (ii) for each school, a summary description of the school bus routes servicing the school; (iii) for each school bus route, the number of students eligible to ride on the school bus operating on the route and the maximum seating capacity of such school bus;

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

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and (iv) any other information the [board] DEPARTMENT of education deems relevant. Upon completion of the plans, they shall be submitted to the mayor and the speaker of the city council.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.