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Introduced by M. of A. McDONOUGH, WEISENBERG -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. FIELDS, SALADINO, THIELE, TOWNSEND -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring school boards to provide taxpayers with a projected tax rate along with the proposed school district budget

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

Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 7 of section 1608 of the education law, as amended by chapter 238 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

a. Each year, commencing with the proposed budget for the two thousand--two thousand one school year, the trustee or board of trustees shall prepare a property tax report card, pursuant to regulations of the commissioner, and shall make it publicly available by transmitting it to local newspapers of general circulation, appending it to copies of the proposed budget made publicly available as required by law, making it available for distribution at the annual meeting, and otherwise disseminating it as required by the commissioner. Such report card shall include: (i) the amount of total spending and total estimated school tax levy that would result from adoption of the proposed budget and the percentage increase or decrease in total spending and total school tax levy from the school district budget for the preceding school year; [and] (ii) the projected enrollment growth for the school year for which the budget is prepared, and the percentage change in enrollment from the previous year; [and] (iii) the percentage increase in the consumer price index, as defined in paragraph c of this subdivision; [and] (iv) the projected amount of the unappropriated unreserved fund balance that will be retained if the proposed budget is adopted, the projected amount of the reserved fund balance, the projected amount of the appropriated fund

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

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balance, the percentage of the proposed budget that the unappropriated unreserved fund balance represents, the actual unappropriated unreserved fund balance retained in the school district budget for the preceding school year, and the percentage of the school district budget for the preceding school year that the actual unappropriated unreserved fund balance represents; AND (V) THE PROJECTED TAX RATE.

S 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 7 of section 1716 of the education law, as amended by chapter 238 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

a. Each year, commencing with the proposed budget for the two thousand--two thousand one school year, the board of education shall prepare a property tax report card, pursuant to regulations of the commissioner, and shall make it publicly available by transmitting it to local newspapers of general circulation, appending it to copies of the proposed budget made publicly available as required by law, making it available for distribution at the annual meeting, and otherwise disseminating it as required by the commissioner. Such report card shall include: (i) the amount of total spending and total estimated school tax levy that would result from adoption of the proposed budget and the percentage increase or decrease in total spending and total school tax levy from the school district budget for the preceding school year; [and] (ii) the projected enrollment growth for the school year for which the budget is prepared, and the percentage change in enrollment from the previous year; [and] (iii) the percentage increase in the consumer price index, as defined in paragraph c of this subdivision; [and] (iv) the projected amount of the unappropriated unreserved fund balance that will be retained if the proposed budget is adopted, the projected amount of the reserved fund balance, the projected amount of the appropriated fund balance, the percentage of the proposed budget that the unappropriated unreserved fund balance represents, the actual unappropriated unreserved fund balance retained in the school district budget for the preceding school year, and the percentage of the school district budget for the preceding school year that the actual unappropriated unreserved fund balance represents; AND (V) THE PROJECTED TAX RATE.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.