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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to reimbursement for transportation costs for universal prekindergarten students under certain circumstances

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

Section 1. Section 3622-a of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. AIDABLE REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN PUPILS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION OR ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR TRANSPORTING PUPILS ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION THIRTY-SIX HUNDRED TWO-E OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE AIDABLE AS IF THEY WERE TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR PUPILS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

A. SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL HAVE SHOWN A DECREASE IN AIDABLE TRANSPORTATION COSTS FROM ONE SCHOOL YEAR TO THE NEXT (BASE YEARS) OF AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT, AS REFLECTED IN APPROVED BUDGETS BY THE SCHOOL BOARD IN THE BASE YEARS;

B. IF THE STANDARD IN PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION IS MET, A SCHOOL BOARD MAY ELECT TO INCLUDE IN ITS APPROVED SCHOOL BUDGET IN ANY SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING THE BASE YEARS UP TO SIXTY PERCENT OF THE DOLLAR VALUE OF THE DECREASE TO TRANSPORT PUPILS ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT'S UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN PURSUANT TO SECTION THIRTY-SIX HUNDRED TWO-E OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the base years used to calculate eligibility for reimbursement pursuant to this act may be before the effective date of this act.

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

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