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Introduced by Sen. SAMPSON -- 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 the discontinuation of certain schools in cities with a population of one million or more

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 2590-h of the education law, as  
2     amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     2. Establish, control and operate new schools or programs of the types  
5     specified in subdivision one of this section, or to discontinue any such  
6     schools and programs as he or she may determine; provided, however, that  
7     the chancellor shall:  
8     (A) consult with the affected community district education council  
9     before:  
10    [(a)] (I) substantially expanding or reducing such an existing school  
11    or program within a community district;  
12    [(b)] (II) initially utilizing a community district school or facility  
13    for such a school or program;  
14    [(c)] (III) instituting any new program within a community district;  
15    AND  
16    (B) HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF ANY SCHOOL. SUCH  
17    HEARING SHALL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE HEARING.  
18    SUCH HEARING SHALL BE HELD AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AND NO MORE THAN ONE YEAR  
19    PRIOR TO SUCH ANTICIPATED CLOSURE DATE. THE CHANCELLOR SHALL ENSURE THAT  
20    NOTICE OF THE HEARING IS POSTED IN SUCH A MANNER TO MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER  
21    OF AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS THAT RECEIVE NOTICE, INCLUDING PROVIDING NOTICE  
22    TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS. IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS DETER-  
23    MINED AFTER SUCH HEARING THAT A SCHOOL SHOULD BE CLOSED SUCH CLOSURE  
24    MUST WAIT UNTIL THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE FINAL DETERMINATION HAD  
25    BEEN MADE, HAS ENDED.

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

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1     S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
2 have become a law; provided that the amendments to section 2590-h of the  
3 education law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expi-  
4 ration and reversion of such subdivision and shall expire and be deemed  
5 repealed therewith.