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2011-2012 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MARTINS -- 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 enacting the school bus mandate relief act authorizing school boards to reduce the number of seats provided for student transportation

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

- Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "school bus mandate relief act".
- S 2. Section 3635 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:
 - 8. A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, RULE, OR REGULATION, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD, BASED UPON A DOCUMENTED HISTORY OF THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF RIDERS IN EACH OF THE PRECEDING THREE YEARS SHOWING A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF ELIGIBLE PUPILS NOT USING THE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT, ENACT A POLICY TO PROVIDE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION WITH A CAPACITY OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PERCENT OF THE MAXIMUM ACTUAL NUMBER OF RIDERS DURING SUCH THREE YEAR PERIOD.
- 13 B. THE DOCUMENTED HISTORY OF THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF RIDERS INEACH YEARS OF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE THE BOARD OF 14 PRECEDING THREE EDUCATION HAS ENACTED THE POLICY AUTHORIZED BY PARAGRAPH A 15 OF 16 SUBDIVISION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION EACH YEAR 17 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ENACTS A POLICY OF PROVIDING STUDENT TRANSPORTATION 18 BASED ON PATTERNS OF THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF RIDERS.
- 19 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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