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Introduced by M. of A. GALEF -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to adding a regional cost of living factor into any category of aid to school districts in which a statewide formula is used

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3602-g to read as follows:

S 3602-G. REGIONAL COST FACTOR. 1. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER APPORTIONMENT, FOR AID PAYABLE IN THE TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN -- TWO THOUSAND TWELVE SCHOOL YEAR AND THEREAFTER, A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN APPORTIONMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO ACCOUNT FOR THE HIGHER COST OF PROVIDING A PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE STATE. A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S APPORTIONMENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE COMPUTED BY MULTIPLYING THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL COST FACTOR BY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FORMULA AIDS PAYABLE TO SUCH DISTRICT UNDER SUBDIVISIONS NINE, TWELVE, AND THIRTEEN, PARAGRAPHS D AND F OF SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN, AND SUBDIVISION SIXTEEN OF SECTION THIRTY-SIX HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, SUBDIVISIONS FOUR, SIX, AND SEVEN OF SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED ELEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER, SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, AND SECTION THIRTY-SIX HUNDRED TWO-E OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

2. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, SHALL ANNUALLY COMPUTE THE REGIONAL COST FACTORS FOR THE VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE STATE. IN MAKING SUCH COMPUTATIONS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER, AT A MINIMUM, THE COST TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYEES' SALARIES, STUDENTS' TRANSPORTATION, AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN NO CASE SHALL THE REGIONAL COST FACTOR EXCEED FIVE HUNDREDTHS.

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

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3. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SITUATED IN THE REGION IN WHICH THE MAJORITY OF ITS STUDENTS RESIDE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.