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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the additional parent member of committees on special education

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

1. Section 1. Subclause (viii) of clause a of subparagraph 1 of paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 4402 of the education law, as amended by chapter 194 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

   (viii) IF REQUESTED BY THE PARENT OR PERSON IN PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE STUDENT, an additional parent, residing in the school district or a neighboring school district, of a student with a disability, of a student who has been declassified and is no longer eligible for an individualized education program (IEP), or a parent of a disabled child who has graduated, for a period of five years beyond the student's declassification or graduation, provided such parent shall not be employed by or under contract with the school district[, and provided further that such additional parent shall not be a required member if the parents request that such additional parent member not participate]. DISTRICTS SHALL PROVIDE PARENTS AND PERSONS IN PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE STUDENT NOTICE OF THE RIGHT TO REQUEST THE PARTICIPATION OF AN ADDITIONAL PARENT;

   S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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