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Introduced by M. of A. BENEDETTO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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. Clause (b) of subparagraph 1 of paragraph b of subdivision
2 1 of section 4402 of the education law, as amended by chapter 378 of the
3 laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:
4 (b) In determining the composition of such committee pursuant to
5 clause (a) of this subparagraph, a school district may determine that a
6 member appointed pursuant to one of subclause (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) or
7 (ix) of clause (a) of this subparagraph also fulfills the requirement of
8 subclause (vi) of clause (a) of this subparagraph of a member who is an
9 individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluation
10 results where such individuals are determined by the school
11 district to have the knowledge and expertise to do so and/or that a
12 member appointed pursuant to subclause (iii) or (iv) of clause (a) of
13 this subparagraph also fulfills the requirement of subclause (v) of
14 clause (a) of this subparagraph of a member who is a representative of
15 the school district. The regular education teacher of the student shall
16 participate in the development, review and revision of the individual-
17 ized education program for the student, to the extent required under
18 federal law. The school physician need not be in attendance at any meeting
19 of the committee on special education unless specifically requested
20 in writing, at least seventy-two hours prior to such meeting by the
21 parents or other person in parental relation to the student in question,
22 the student, or a member of the committee on special education. The

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

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1 parents or persons in parental relation of the student in question shall
2 receive proper written notice of their right to have the school physi-
3 cian attend the meetings of the committee on special education upon
4 referral of said student to the committee on special education or when-
5 ever such committee plans to modify or change the identification, evalu-
6 ation or educational placement of the student [and their right to
7 request that an additional parent member not participate at any meeting
8 of the committee regarding the student]. THE ADDITIONAL PARENT NEED NOT
9 BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION
10 UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED IN WRITING, AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS
11 PRIOR TO SUCH MEETING BY THE PARENTS OR OTHER PERSON IN PARENTAL
12 RELATION TO THE STUDENT IN QUESTION, THE STUDENT, OR A MEMBER OF THE
13 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION. THE PARENTS OR PERSONS IN PARENTAL
14 RELATION OF THE STUDENT IN QUESTION SHALL RECEIVE PROPER WRITTEN NOTICE
15 OF THEIR RIGHT TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL PARENT ATTEND ANY MEETING OF THE
16 COMMITTEE REGARDING THE STUDENT ALONG WITH A STATEMENT, PREPARED BY THE
17 DEPARTMENT, EXPLAINING THE ROLE OF HAVING THE ADDITIONAL PARENT ATTEND
18 THE MEETING. The committee shall invite the appropriate professionals
19 most familiar with a student's disability or disabilities to attend any
20 meeting concerning the educational program for such student. Except as
21 otherwise provided in this clause or clause (b-1) or (b-2) of this
22 subparagraph, all members of such committee shall attend meetings of the
23 committee on special education.

24 S 2. Clause (b) of subparagraph 1 of paragraph b of subdivision 1 of
25 section 4402 of the education law, as amended by chapter 311 of the laws
26 of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

27 (b) In determining the composition of such committee pursuant to
28 clause (a) of this subparagraph, a school district may determine that a
29 member appointed pursuant to one of subclause (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) or
30 (ix) of clause (a) of this subparagraph also fulfills the requirement of
31 subclause (vi) of clause (a) of this subparagraph of a member who is an
32 individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evalu-
33 ation results where such individuals are determined by the school
34 district to have the knowledge and expertise to do so and/or that a
35 member appointed pursuant to subclause (iii) or (iv) of clause (a) of
36 this subparagraph also fulfills the requirement of subclause (v) of
37 clause (a) of this subparagraph of a member who is a representative of
38 the school district. The regular education teacher of the student shall
39 participate in the development, review and revision of the individual-
40 ized education program for the student, to the extent required under
41 federal law. The school physician need not be in attendance at any meet-
42 ing of the committee on special education unless specifically requested
43 in writing, at least seventy-two hours prior to such meeting by the
44 parents or other person in parental relationship to the student in ques-
45 tion, the student, or a member of the committee on special education.
46 The parents or persons in parental relationship of the student in ques-
47 tion shall receive proper written notice of their right to have the
48 school physician attend the meetings of the committee on special educa-
49 tion upon referral of said student to the committee on special education
50 or whenever such committee plans to modify or change the identification,
51 evaluation or educational placement of the student [and their right to
52 request that an additional parent member not participate at any meeting
53 of the committee regarding the student]. THE ADDITIONAL PARENT NEED NOT
54 BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION
55 UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED IN WRITING, AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS
56 PRIOR TO SUCH MEETING BY THE PARENTS OR OTHER PERSON IN PARENTAL

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2 COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION. THE PARENTS OR PERSONS IN PARENTAL
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5 COMMITTEE REGARDING THE STUDENT ALONG WITH A STATEMENT, PREPARED BY THE
6 DEPARTMENT, EXPLAINING THE ROLE OF HAVING THE ADDITIONAL PARENT ATTEND
7 THE MEETING. The committee shall invite the appropriate professionals
8 most familiar with a student's disability or disabilities to attend any
9 meeting concerning the educational program for such student. Members of
10 such committee shall serve at the pleasure of such board and members who
11 are neither employees of nor under contract with such district shall
12 serve without compensation except that such members shall be entitled to
13 a per diem to defray expenses incurred in such service, provided, howev-
14 er, that any expense incurred shall be deemed an aidable operating
15 expense for purposes of state aid.

16 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
17 the amendments to clause (b) of subparagraph 1 of paragraph b of subdi-
18 vision 1 of section 4402 of the education law made by section one of
19 this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such clause
20 pursuant to subdivision d of section 27 of chapter 378 of the laws of
21 2007, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of
22 this act shall take effect.