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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the chancellor of a city school district in a city having a population of one million or more to inventory and report upon the outdoor schoolyards within such district

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

1 Section 1. Section 2556 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 14 to read as follows:
3 14. A. THE CHANCELLOR OF A CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN A CITY HAVING A
4 POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE SHALL COMPILE AN INVENTORY OF AND
5 ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT ABOUT THE OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARDS IN THE CITY SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT. SUCH INVENTORY AND REPORT SHALL:
7 (I) IDENTIFY EACH OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARD LOCATED AT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES,
8 AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION NINE OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED
9 NINETY-A OF THIS TITLE, OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT. EACH OUTDOOR
10 SCHOOLYARD SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH
11 THE OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARD IS LOCATED, ITS ADDRESS, APPROXIMATE SIZE AND
12 PHYSICAL CONDITION;
13 (II) IDENTIFY WHICH OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARDS ARE USED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION,
14 ACTIVITY AND/OR RECREATION; FOR EACH SUCH OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARD, A
15 DESCRIPTION OF HOW OFTEN STUDENTS OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT USE THE
16 OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARD, THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED, AND ANY LIMITATIONS ON THE
17 USES OF THE SCHOOLYARD;
18 (III) IDENTIFY WHICH OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARDS ARE NOT USED FOR PHYSICAL
19 EDUCATION, ACTIVITY OR RECREATION. FOR EACH SUCH SCHOOLYARD, AN EXPLANATION
20 OF WHY IT IS NOT BEING USED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
21 OR RECREATION BY STUDENTS OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT;

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

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1 (IV) WHETHER EACH OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARD IS USED AND THE FREQUENCY OF SUCH
2 USE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND WHETHER IT IS AVAILABLE FOR USE BY
3 STUDENTS OR THE GENERAL PUBLIC DURING AFTER SCHOOL HOURS;

4 (V) FOR EACH OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARD, A DESCRIPTION OF THE CAPITAL PLANS
5 FOR CONSTRUCTION, PLACEMENT, RENOVATION AND/OR RECONFIGURATION THEREOF,
6 AND ANY PLAN TO INCREASE OR DECREASE THE AVAILABILITY AND UTILIZATION
7 THEREOF; AND

8 (VI) ANY OTHER FACTS, INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE CHAN-
9 CELLOR DEEMS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARDS OF THE EDUCA-
10 TIONAL FACILITIES OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT. SUCH IMPROVEMENTS SHALL
11 BE THOSE THAT ENHANCE THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL
12 FITNESS, AND WELL-BEING OF THE STUDENTS OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

13 B. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, THE CHAN-
14 CELLOR SHALL SUBMIT THE INVENTORY AND REPORT, COMPILED PURSUANT TO PARA-
15 GRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION, TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF
16 THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE DEPARTMENT.

17 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARD" MEANS
18 OUTDOOR SPACE WHICH IS LOCATED AT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, AND IS USED OR
19 INTENDED TO BE USED BY STUDENTS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION, PHYSICAL ACTIV-
20 ITY AND/OR RECREATION.

21 S 2. Section 2590-h of the education law is amended by adding a new
22 subdivision 52 to read as follows:

23 52. TO COMPILE AN INVENTORY OF AND ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT ABOUT THE
24 OUTDOOR SCHOOLYARDS IN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVI-
25 SION FOURTEEN OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX OF THIS TITLE.

26 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-
27 ments to section 2590-h of the education law, made by section two of
28 this act, shall not affect the expiration of such section and shall
29 expire therewith.