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April 2, 2012

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing school districts in Rochester and the city of New York to require attendance in kindergarten

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

Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 3205 of the education law, as added by chapter 546 of the laws of 1987, is amended to read as follows:

c. The [board] BOARDS of education of the [Syracuse] city school [district is] DISTRICTS OF SYRACUSE, ROCHESTER AND NEW YORK ARE hereby authorized to require minors who are five years of age on or before December first to attend kindergarten instruction[. However, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to] AND TO ALLOW SUCH EXCEPTIONS AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING EXCEPTIONS FOR:

(i) Minors whose parents elect not to enroll their children in school until the following September.

(ii) Students enrolled in non-public schools or in home instruction.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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