

4737

2013-2014 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

April 19, 2013

Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to school session days

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 3604 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 260 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 8. No school shall be in session on a Saturday or a legal holiday,
5 except general election day, Washington's birthday and Lincoln's birth-
6 day, and except that driver education classes may be conducted on a
7 Saturday. NO SCHOOL LOCATED IN A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION
8 OR MORE SHALL BE IN SESSION ON GENERAL ELECTION DAY. A deficiency not
9 exceeding four days during any school year caused by teachers' attend-
10 ance upon conferences held by superintendents of schools of city school
11 districts or other school districts employing superintendents of schools
12 shall be excused by the commissioner, notwithstanding any provision of
13 law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a school district may elect to
14 schedule such conference days in the last two weeks of August, subject
15 to collective bargaining requirements pursuant to article fourteen of
16 the civil service law, and such days shall be counted towards the
17 required one hundred eighty days of session, provided however, that such
18 scheduling shall not alter the obligation of the school district to
19 provide transportation to students in non-public elementary and second-
20 ary schools or charter schools. The commissioner shall excuse a defi-
21 ciency not exceeding four days during such school year caused by teach-
22 ers' attendance upon conferences held by such superintendents, provided
23 that at least two such conference days during such school year shall be
24 dedicated to staff attendance upon conferences providing staff develop-
25 ment relating to implementation of the new high learning standards and
26 assessments, as adopted by the board of regents. Notwithstanding any

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

LBD03198-02-3

1 other provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, school
2 districts may elect to use one or more of such allowable conference days
3 in units of not less than one hour each to provide staff development
4 activities relating to implementation of the new high learning standards
5 and assessments. A district making such election may provide such staff
6 development during the regularly scheduled daily session and apply such
7 units to satisfy a deficiency in the length of one or more daily
8 sessions of instruction for pupils as specified in regulations of the
9 commissioner. The commissioner shall assure that such conference days
10 include appropriate school violence prevention and intervention train-
11 ing, and may require that up to one such conference day be dedicated for
12 such purpose.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.