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AN ACT in relation to the transportation of students in the Rochester city school district

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

Section 1. a. Notwithstanding the provision of any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, including subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the education law, the city school district of the city of Rochester, upon approval of a vote by the board of education of a plan which describes fiscal and educational outcomes and implementation strategy and notification to the commissioner of education by September 1, 2014, may enter into a transportation pilot program for the 2014-2015 through 2016-2017 school years to provide transportation services at no more than one school for all children attending grades kindergarten through eight who live less than fifteen miles from a neighborhood school they legally attend provided such transportation, if offered, shall be offered equally to all children in like circumstances residing in the district.

b. For the purposes of computing approved transportation expenses for transportation aid for transportation provided under this pilot program, expenses for transportation provided pursuant to this pilot program shall be included. For 2014-2015 through 2016-2017 transportation expenses shall be reimbursed pursuant to subdivision 7 of section 3602 of the education law in an amount not to exceed the 2014-2015 approved transportation aid amount pursuant to such subdivision 7.

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

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c. In the event costs for providing transportation for children that would otherwise be aidable without this pilot program increase due to enrollment changes or other customary increases in cost as defined in regulation by the commissioner of education, the city school district of the city of Rochester may apply to the commissioner of education for a waiver to receive additional transportation aid in excess of the 2014-2015 transportation aid amount during the pilot program for services that would otherwise be allowable transportation expenses.

d. The city school district of the city of Rochester shall provide a report to the commissioner of education on the results of the first two years of the pilot program, including data that describes the costs and benefits of the program, by September 30, 2016.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2014.