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June 13, 2014

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Nolan, Buchwald, Jaffee, Mayer, Otis, Pretlow, Paulin) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to kindergarten programs

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1712 of the education law, is amended to read as follows:

1. The board of education of each school district may maintain kindergartens which shall be free to resident children between the ages of four and six years, provided, however, such board may fix a higher minimum age for admission to such kindergartens. PROVIDED THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS TO OPERATE A PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2514 of the education law, as added by chapter 762 of the laws of 1950, is amended to read as follows:

1. The board of education of each city school district may maintain kindergartens which shall be free to resident children between the ages of four and six years, provided, however, such board may fix a higher minimum age for admission to such kindergartens. PROVIDED THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS TO OPERATE A PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 2555 of the education law, such section as renumbered by chapter 762 of the laws of 1950, is amended to read as follows:

1. The board of education of each city may maintain kindergartens which shall be free to resident children between the ages of four and six years, provided, however, such board may fix a higher minimum age for admission to such kindergartens. PROVIDED THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS TO OPERATE A PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

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

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S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.