S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

5397--A

2013-2014 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

February 25, 2013

Introduced by M. of A. MILLMAN, JAFFEE, MILLER, MAISEL, DINOWITZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, GLICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to eliminating the waiver of qualification requirements for school superintendents in the school districts located in cities having a population of one million or more residents, limiting the term of the chancellor's service and requiring the selection of the chancellor to be made from a list submitted by the city board

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 3003 of the education law, as amended by chapter 149 of the laws of 1974, is amended to read as follows:

3. [The] EXCEPT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOCATED IN CITIES HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE RESIDENTS, THE commissioner, at the request of a board of education or board of cooperative educational services, may provide for the issuance of a certificate as superintendent of schools to exceptionally qualified persons who do not meet all of the graduate course or teaching requirements of subdivision one of this section, but whose exceptional training and experience are the substantial equivalent of such requirements and qualify such persons for the duties of a superintendent of schools.

S 2. The opening paragraph of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

S 2590-h. Powers and duties of chancellor. The office of chancellor of the city district is hereby continued. Such chancellor shall [serve at the pleasure of and] be employed by the mayor of the city of New York

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

LBD01920-02-3

[by contract. The length of such contract shall not exceed by more than two years the term of office of the mayor authorizing such contract] FOR TWO-YEAR RENEWABLE TERMS. THE MAYOR SHALL SELECT THE CHANCELLOR FROM A LIST OF THREE CANDIDATES PROPOSED BY THE CITY BOARD. The chancellor shall receive a salary to be fixed by the mayor within the budgetary allocation therefor. He or she shall exercise all his or her powers and duties in a manner not inconsistent with the city-wide educational policies of the city board. The chancellor shall have the following powers and duties as the superintendent of schools and chief executive officer for the city district, which the chancellor shall exercise to promote an equal educational opportunity for all students in the schools of the city district, promote fiscal and educational equity, increase student achievement and school performance and encourage local school-based innovation, including the power and duty to:

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amendments to section 2590-h of the education law made by section two of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.