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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the universal prekin-
dergarten program and parental involvement

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph h and i of subdivision 7 of section 3602-e of the
2 education law, as amended by section 19 of part B of chapter 57 of the
3 laws of 2007, are amended and a new paragraph j is added to read as
4 follows:
5 h. provides staff development and teacher training for staff and
6 teachers in all settings in which prekindergarten services are provided
7 pursuant to this section; [and]
8 i. establishes a method for selection of eligible children to receive
9 prekindergarten program services on a random selection basis where there
10 are more eligible children than can be served in a given school year,
11 provided, however, that a school district that operated a targeted prek-
12 indergarten program in the base year may use the selection process
13 established for such program[.]; AND
14 J. PROVIDES FOR STRONG PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT BY CREATING AND IMPLEMENT-
15 ING PLANS FOR ENGAGING FAMILIES IN HIS OR HER CHILD'S EARLY EDUCATION,
16 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: PREKINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION; PARENTING
17 WORKSHOPS ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT; SPECIAL CLASSROOM EVENTS; PARENT MEET-
18 INGS REGARDING HIS OR HER CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND PROGRESS; AND
19 OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE AS VOLUNTEERS OR
20 OBSERVERS.
21 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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