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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 prekindergarten program and parental involvement

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

Section 1. Paragraph h and i of subdivision 7 of section 3602-e of the education law, as amended by section 19 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2007, are amended and a new paragraph j is added to read as follows:

h. provides staff development and teacher training for staff and teachers in all settings in which prekindergarten services are provided pursuant to this section; [and]

i. establishes a method for selection of eligible children to receive prekindergarten program services on a random selection basis where there are more eligible children than can be served in a given school year, provided, however, that a school district that operated a targeted prekindergarten program in the base year may use the selection process established for such program[.]; AND

J. PROVIDES FOR STRONG PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT BY CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING PLANS FOR ENGAGING FAMILIES IN HIS OR HER CHILD'S EARLY EDUCATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: PREKINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION; PARENTING WORKSHOPS ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT; SPECIAL CLASSROOM EVENTS; PARENT MEETINGS REGARDING HIS OR HER CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND PROGRESS; AND OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE AS VOLUNTEERS OR OBSERVERS.

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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