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Introduced by M. of A. PERRY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. WRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the panel for educational policy in the city of New York

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2590-a of the education law, as added by chapter 330 of the laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

3. City board. The term "city board" shall mean the [board of education of the city district] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY.

S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2590-b of the education law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

1. (a) The board of education of the city school district of the city of New York is hereby continued AS THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY. Such [board of education] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall consist of thirteen appointed members: one member to be appointed by each borough president of the city of New York; and eight members to be appointed by the mayor of the city of New York. The chancellor shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY. The [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall elect its own chairperson from among its voting members. All thirteen appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority [and]. A MEMBER SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A NOTICE OF DISCHARGE, DISMISSAL OR A REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF SUCH MEMBER, NOT LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH ACTION. NOTWITHSTANDING SUCH NOTICE, SUCH MEMBER SHALL RETAIN ALL RIGHTS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP ON SUCH BOARD UNTIL SUCH EFFECTIVE DATE. NO MEMBER shall [not] be employed in any capacity by the city of New York, or a subdivision thereof, or the [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY. No appointed member of the [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall also be a member, officer, or employee of any public corporation, authority, or commission

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

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where the mayor of the city of New York has a majority of the appointments. Each borough president's appointee shall be a resident of the borough for which the borough president appointing him or her was elected and shall be the parent of a child attending a public school within the city school district of the city of New York. Each mayoral appointee shall be a resident of the city and two shall be parents of a child attending a public school within the city district. All parent members shall be eligible to continue to serve on the [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY for two years following the conclusion of their child's attendance at a public school within the city district. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the appropriate appointing authority within ninety days of such vacancy. Notwithstanding any provision of local law, the members of the [board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall not have staff, offices, or vehicles assigned to them or receive compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

(b) The [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall hold at least one regular public meeting per month. At least one regular public meeting shall be held in each borough of the city of New York per year; any additional meetings may be called at the request of the chairperson. The [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall consider appropriate public accommodations when selecting a venue so as to maximize participation by parents and the community.

(c) (i) Notice of the time, place and agenda for all [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY regular public meetings shall be publicly provided, including via the city board's official internet web site, and specifically circulated to all community superintendents, community district education councils, community boards, and school based management teams, at least ten business days in advance of such meeting.

(ii) A [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY regular public meeting agenda shall be comprised of a list and brief description of the subject matter being considered, identification of all items subject to a [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY vote, and the name, office, address, email address and telephone number of a city district representative, knowledgeable on the agenda, from whom any information may be obtained and to whom written comments may be submitted concerning items on such agenda.

(d) The chairperson of the [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall ensure that at every regular public meeting there is a sufficient period of time to allow for public comment on any topic on the agenda prior to any [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY vote.

(e) Minutes of all [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY regular public meetings shall be made publicly available, including via the [city board's] PANEL'S official internet website, in a timely manner but no later than the subsequent regular [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY meeting.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however that the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 2590-b of the education law made by section two of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.