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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the fingerprinting of prospective employees of approved private special education schools, phasing-in a requirement that all fingerprints submitted by prospective employees and applicants for certification be electronically submitted, strengthening identification verification practices for the purpose of conducting criminal history record checks and enhancing existing statutory mechanisms to expedite the removal of persons who commit fingerprint fraud, to amend chapter 147 of the laws 2001, amending the education law relating to conditional appointment of school district, charter school or BOCES employees, making permanent certain provisions relating to condirelation to tional clearances for employment, and to amend chapter 91 of the laws 2002, amending the education law and other laws relating to the reorganization of the New York city school construction authority, board of education, and community boards, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to repeal section 4 of chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, amending the education law and other laws relating to the reorganization of the New York city school construction authority, board of education, and community boards, relating thereto

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law, paragraph (a) and the opening paragraph and subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, paragraph (b) as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, are amended to read as follows:

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(a) The commissioner, in cooperation with the division of criminal justice services and in accordance with all applicable provisions of law, shall promulgate rules and regulations to require the fingerprint-

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

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ing of prospective employees, as defined in section eleven hundred twenty-five of this chapter, of school districts, charter schools and boards 3 of cooperative educational services, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS, authorizing the fingerprinting of prospective employees of nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools, and for the use of information derived from searches of the records of the division of criminal justice 7 services and the federal bureau of investigation based on the use of 8 such fingerprints. The commissioner shall also develop a form for use by school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational 9 10 services, SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS, and nonpublic and private elementa-11 and secondary schools in connection with the submission of finger-12 prints that contains the specific job title sought and any other infor-13 that may be relevant to consideration of the applicant. 14 PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS, SHALL BE FING-15 ERPRINTED USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY 16 THE COMMISSIONER IN RULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH 17 DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT 18 BE LIMITED TO STANDARDS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTS, 19 PHOTOGRAPHS AND VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES. 20 OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE 21 NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 22 FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT PARAGRAPH SHALL BE WITHIN THE STATE. THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN AN ATTESTATION, ON 23 24 A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT: AT THE 25 FINGERPRINTING, HE OR SHE PRESENTED TWO FORMS OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION, 26 WITH AT LEAST ONE PROVIDING A PHOTOGRAPH; AND HE OR SHE SUBMITTED HIS OR HER OWN FINGERPRINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK 27 28 PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THIS ATTESTATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE 29 DEPARTMENT AS A BUSINESS RECORD AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 30 175.00 OF THE PENAL LAW IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS 31 COMMISSIONER. The commissioner shall also establish a form for the 32 recordation of allegations of child abuse in an educational setting, required pursuant to section eleven hundred twenty-six of this chapter. 33 34 No person who has been fingerprinted pursuant to section three thousand 35 four-b of this chapter or pursuant to section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic 36 law and whose 37 fingerprints remain on file with the division of criminal justice services shall be required to undergo fingerprinting for purposes of a new criminal history record check. This subdivision and the rules and 38 39 40 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto shall not apply to a school district within a city with a population of one million or more, OR TO 41 SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN SUCH CITY. 42 43

- (b) The commissioner, in cooperation with the division of criminal justice services, shall promulgate a form to be provided to all such prospective employees of school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services, SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS and nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools that elect to finger-print and seek clearance for prospective employees that shall:
- (i) inform the prospective employee that the commissioner is required or authorized to request his or her criminal history information from the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation and review such information pursuant to this section, and provide a description of the manner in which his or her [fingerprint cards] FINGERPRINTS will be TAKEN AND used upon submission to the division of criminal justice services;

(ii) inform the prospective employee that he or she has the right to obtain, review and seek correction of his or her criminal history information pursuant to regulations and procedures established by the division of criminal justice services.

- S 2. Subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law, as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:
- (vii) been informed that in the event his or her employment is terminated and such person has not become employed in the same or another school district, charter school, board of cooperative educational services, SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL or nonpublic or private elementary or secondary school within twelve-months of such termination, the commissioner shall notify the division of criminal justice services of such termination, and the division of criminal justice services shall destroy the fingerprints of such person. Such person may request that the commissioner notify the division of criminal justice services that his or her fingerprints shall be destroyed prior to the expiration of such twelve month period in which case the commissioner shall notify the division of criminal justice services and the division shall destroy the fingerprints of such person promptly upon receipt of the request; and
- S 3. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law, as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:
- (d) The commissioner shall develop forms to be provided to all school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services, SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS and to all nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools that elect to fingerprint their prospective employees, to be completed and signed by prospective employees when conditional appointment or emergency conditional appointment is offered.
- S 4. Subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:
- (F) AS USED IN THIS SECTION AND SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, "SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL" SHALL MEAN A STATE SCHOOL OPERATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHTY-SEVEN OR EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER, A STATE-SUPPORTED SCHOOL OPERATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, AN APPROVED PRIVATE NON-RESIDENTIAL OR RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE, OR AN APPROVED PROVIDER OF PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES OR PROGRAMS THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE; PROVIDED THAT SUCH TERM SHALL NOT APPLY TO A SCHOOL OR FACILITY OPERATED OR LICENSED BY A STATE AGENCY OTHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT, UNLESS SUCH SCHOOL OR FACILITY IS ALSO AN APPROVED PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES OR AN APPROVED PROVIDER UNDER SECTION FORTY-FOUR HUNDRED TEN OF THIS CHAPTER.
- S 5. Subdivisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 of section 1125 of the education law, subdivisions 3, 4 and 6 as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000 and subdivision 5 as amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, are amended and a new subdivision 10 is added to read as follows:
- 3. "Employee" shall mean any person receiving compensation from a school district, NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL OR PROGRAM, or employee of a contracted service provider or worker placed within the school under a public assistance employment program, pursuant to title nine-B of article five of the social services law, and consistent with the provisions of such title for the provision of services to such district, its students or employees, directly or through contract,

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whereby such services performed by such person involve direct student contact.

- 4. "Volunteer" shall mean any person, other than an employee, who provides services to a school or school district OR NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL OR PROGRAM, which involve direct student contact.
- 5. "Educational setting" shall mean the building and grounds of public school district, NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL OR PROGRAM, the vehicles provided by the school district for the transportation of students to and from school buildings, field trips, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities both on and off school district grounds, all co-curricular and extra-curricular activity sites, and any other location where direct contact between an employee or volunteer and a child has allegedly occurred, EXCEPT THAT SUCH TERM SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE RESIDENTIAL COMPONENT OF A FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, FOR WHOM ALLEGATIONS OF A CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD IN RESIDEN-TIAL CARE ARE SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REPORTING TO THE STATEWIDE REGISTER OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT PURSUANT TO TITLE SIX OF ARTI-CLE SIX OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW. Such term shall not include a special act school district as defined in section four thousand one of this chapter which shall be subject to article eleven of services law.
- 6. "Administrator" or "school administrator" shall mean a principal of a public school, NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL OR PROGRAM, charter school or board of cooperative educational services, or other chief school officer.
- 10. "NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL OR PROGRAM" SHALL MEAN A SUPPORTED SCHOOL OPERATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER THAT DOES NOT HAVE A RESIDENTIAL COMPONENT, AN APPROVED NON-RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE, OR AN APPROVED PROVIDER OF PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES OR PROGRAMS THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE; PROVIDED THAT SUCH TERM SHALL ALSO APPLY TO AN APPROVED PRIVATE RESIDEN-SCHOOL OR APPROVED PROVIDER OF PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION THAT PROVIDES A RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM THAT ALSO PROVIDES A DAY PROGRAM OR OTHER NON-RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM IF THE STUDENTS IN SUCH NON-RESIDENTIAL ARE NOT CHILDREN IN A FACILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT-THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, FOR WHOM ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE OF A Y-EIGHT OF CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE TO MANDATORY REPORTING TO THE STATEWIDE CENTRAL REGISTER OF SUBJECT CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT PURSUANT TO TITLE SIX OF ARTICLE SIX OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW.
- S 6. Subdivision 2 of section 1126 of the education law, as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:
- 2. [In] (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, IN any case where it is alleged that a child was abused by an employee or volunteer of a school other than a school within the school district of the child's attendance, the report of such allegations shall be promptly forwarded to the superintendent of schools of the school district of the child's attendance and the school district where the abuse allegedly occurred, whereupon both school superintendents shall comply with sections eleven hundred twenty-eight and eleven hundred twenty-eight-a of this article.
- (B) IN THE CASE OF A NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL, WHERE IT IS ALLEGED THAT A CHILD WAS ABUSED BY AN EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER OF

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SUCH NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL, THE REPORT OF SUCH ALLE-GATIONS SHALL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SUCH SCHOOL, WHO SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE THAT APPLY TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS.

- S 7. Subdivision 1 of section 1128-a of the education law, as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. Where a superintendent of schools OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR forwards to law enforcement a report as described in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section eleven hundred twenty-six of this article, he or she shall refer such report to the commissioner where the employee or volunteer alleged to have committed an act of child abuse as defined in this article holds a certification or license issued by the department.
- S 8. Subdivision 3 of section 1133 of the education law, as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:
- 3. Any superintendent of schools OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR who reasonably and in good faith reports to law enforcement officials information regarding allegations of child abuse or a resignation as required by this article shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise result by reason of such actions.
- S 9. Paragraph a of subdivision 39 of section 1604 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:
- 22 23 a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three 24 25 thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance 26 pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of 27 chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twentythis nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the finger-28 29 printing process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant 30 with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the appli-31 32 cant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE 33 INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED 34 USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED 35 COMMISSIONER IN RULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT 36 37 STANDARDS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTS, 38 PHOTOGRAPHS AND VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES. 39 OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE 40 FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REOUIREMENTS OF THIS FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY 41 PARAGRAPH SHALL BE PRIOR TO **EMPLOYMENT** 42 WITHIN THE STATE. THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN AN ATTESTATION, ON 43 PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT: AT THE TIME OF FORM 44 FINGERPRINTING, HE OR SHE PRESENTED TWO FORMS OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION, 45 WITH AT LEAST ONE PROVIDING A PHOTOGRAPH; AND HE OR SHE SUBMITTED HIS OR HER OWN FINGERPRINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK 46 47 PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THIS ATTESTATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE 48 DEPARTMENT AS A BUSINESS RECORD AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 49 175.00 OF THE PENAL LAW IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS OF 50 COMMISSIONER. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivi-51 sion shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of 52 clearance for employment.
  - S 10. Paragraph a of subdivision 39 of section 1709 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

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a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the 1 2 fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three 3 thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of 5 this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twentynine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the finger-7 printing process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the appli-9 10 cant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE 11 INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED 12 USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED COMMISSIONER IN RULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE 13 DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT 14 15 LIMITED STANDARDS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTS, 16 PHOTOGRAPHS AND VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES. 17 OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REOUIREMENTS OF THIS 18 19 PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO **EMPLOYMENT** 20 WITHIN THE STATE. THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN AN ATTESTATION, ON 21 PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT: AT THE TIME OF 22 FINGERPRINTING, HE OR SHE PRESENTED TWO FORMS OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION, 23 WITH AT LEAST ONE PROVIDING A PHOTOGRAPH; AND HE OR SHE SUBMITTED HIS OR 24 HER OWN FINGERPRINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK 25 PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THIS ATTESTATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE 26 DEPARTMENT AS A BUSINESS RECORD AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 27 175.00 OF THE PENAL LAW IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS OF Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivi-28 COMMISSIONER. 29 sion shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of 30 clearance for employment. 31

S 11. Paragraph a of subdivision 9 of section 1804 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

The board of education shall, for purposes of a criminal history record check, require the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS, SHALL BE FING-ERPRINTED USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN RULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO STANDARDS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN AN ATTESTATION, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT: AT THEFINGERPRINTING, HE OR SHE PRESENTED TWO FORMS OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION, WITH AT LEAST ONE PROVIDING A PHOTOGRAPH; AND HE OR SHE SUBMITTED HIS OR

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HER OWN FINGERPRINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THIS ATTESTATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY DEPARTMENT AS A BUSINESS RECORD AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION THE PENAL LAW IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.

- S 12. Subparagraph 4 of paragraph h of subdivision 4 of section the education law, as amended by chapter 17 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (4) To enter into contracts with nonpublic schools to provide processing services for pupil personnel records and other administrative records of the nonpublic schools [and the processing of fingerprints utilized in criminal history record checks for those nonpublic schools that elect to require such criminal history record checks pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter].
- 13. Subparagraph a of paragraph 11 of subdivision 4 of section 1950 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, amended to read as follows:
- a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of 24 chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-26 nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the finger-27 printing process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of 29 section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the appli-30 cant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE 31 INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED EMPLOYEES, USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED IN RULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER 34 DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BESUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTS, LIMITED TO STANDARDS FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY OF PROSPECTIVE 37 OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PARAGRAPH SHALL BE PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN AN ATTESTATION, ON PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT: AT THE TIME OF FINGERPRINTING, HE OR SHE PRESENTED TWO FORMS OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION, WITH AT LEAST ONE PROVIDING A PHOTOGRAPH; AND HE OR SHE SUBMITTED HIS OR HER OWN FINGERPRINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THIS ATTESTATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A BUSINESS RECORD AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 175.00 OF THE PENAL LAW IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS COMMISSIONER. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this paragraph 49 shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.
  - S 14. Paragraph a of subdivision 18 of section 2503 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:
  - a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance

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pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twentythe vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the appli-7 cant's consent to the criminal history records search. EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED 9 10 COMMISSIONER IN RULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE 11 12 STANDARDS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTS, TO 13 PHOTOGRAPHS AND VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES. 14 OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO 16 EMPLOYMENT 17 WITHIN THE STATE. THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN AN ATTESTATION, ON PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT: AT THE TIME OF 18 19 FINGERPRINTING, HE OR SHE PRESENTED TWO FORMS OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION, WITH AT LEAST ONE PROVIDING A PHOTOGRAPH; AND HE OR SHE SUBMITTED HIS OR 20 21 HER OWN FINGERPRINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THIS ATTESTATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE 23 DEPARTMENT AS A BUSINESS RECORD AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 24 175.00 OF THE PENAL LAW IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS 25 COMMISSIONER. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivi-26 sion shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes 27 clearance for employment. 28

S 15. Paragraph a of subdivision 25 of section 2554 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

31 a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the 32 fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three 33 thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of 34 this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-35 nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the finger-37 printing process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant 38 with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of 39 section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the appli-40 cant's consent to the criminal history records search. INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS, 41 EMPLOYEES, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED 42 43 COMMISSIONER IN RULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT 45 STANDARDS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTS, TO PHOTOGRAPHS AND VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY OF PROSPECTIVE 46 EMPLOYEES. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE 47 48 FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS 49 PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO **EMPLOYMENT** 50 WITHIN THE STATE. THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN AN ATTESTATION, ON 51 PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT: AT THE TIME OF 52 FINGERPRINTING, HE OR SHE PRESENTED TWO FORMS OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION, 53 WITH AT LEAST ONE PROVIDING A PHOTOGRAPH; AND HE OR SHE SUBMITTED HIS OR 54 HER OWN FINGERPRINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK 55 PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THIS ATTESTATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A BUSINESS RECORD AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 56

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175.00 OF THE PENAL LAW IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.

- S 16. Subdivision 20 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:
- 20. Ensure compliance with qualifications established for all personnel employed in the city district, including the taking of fingerprints as a prerequisite for licensure and/or employment of such personnel AND, THE TAKING OF FINGERPRINTS AS A PREREQUISITE FOR LICENSURE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the division of criminal justice services where it shall be appropriately processed. Furthermore, the division of criminal justice services is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history record check.
- S 16-a. Subdivision 20 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended by chapter 100 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 20. Ensure compliance with qualifications established for all personnel employed in the city district, including the taking of fingerprints as a prerequisite for licensure and/or employment of such personnel AND, THE TAKING OF FINGERPRINTS AS A PREREQUISITE FOR LICENSURE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the division of criminal justice services where it shall be appropriately processed. Furthermore, the division of criminal justice services is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history record check.
- S 17. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a-2) of subdivision 3 of section 2854 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:
- (i) The board of trustees of a charter school shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY APPLICANTS, IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER INRULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO STANDARDS FOR THE SUBMISSION SHALL OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. SIGN AN ATTESTATION, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING

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THAT: AT THE TIME OF FINGERPRINTING, HE OR SHE PRESENTED TWO FORMS IDENTIFICATION, WITH AT LEAST ONE PROVIDING A PHOTOGRAPH; AND HE OR SHE SUBMITTED HIS OR HER OWN FINGERPRINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THIS ATTESTATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A BUSINESS RECORD AS DEFINED SUBDIVISION SECTION 175.00 OF PENAL LAW TWO OF THEΙN A MANNER 7 PRESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this paragraph shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.

Subdivision 1 of section 3004-b of the education law, as separately amended by chapters 147 and 380 of the laws of 2001, is to read as follows:

13 1. Criminal history records search. Upon receipt of an application for 14 certification as a superintendent of schools, teacher, administrator or supervisor, teaching assistant or school personnel required to hold a teaching or administrative license or certificate, the commissioner 16 17 shall, subject to the rules and regulations of the division of 18 justice services, initiate a criminal history records search of the person making application, except that nothing in this section shall be 19 construed to require a criminal history record check of an individual 20 21 who holds a valid provisional certificate on the effective date of this section and applies for permanent certification in the same certificate title, or of an individual who applies for a temporary license to serve in the city school district of the city of New York and has been cleared 23 24 25 for licensure and/or employment by such city school district pursuant to 26 subdivision twenty of section twenty-five hundred ninety-h of this chap-27 ter. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the commissioner 28 shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) 29 subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATION, WHO ARE REQUIRED TO BE FINGER-30 31 PRINTED UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS, SHALL 32 33 ELECTRONIC USING SCANNING TECHNOLOGY 34 PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN RULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, WHICH SHALL 35 INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO STANDARDS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC 36 37 FINGERPRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY OF PROSPEC-38 EMPLOYEES. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, WHO SUBMIT FINGER-39 PRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO 40 THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY REOUIREMENTS OF PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. 41 THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE 42 SIGN AN ATTESTATION, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING 43 ATTHE TIME OF FINGERPRINTING, HE OR SHE PRESENTED TWO FORMS OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION, WITH AT LEAST ONE PROVIDING A PHOTOGRAPH; AND 44 45 SHE SUBMITTED HIS OR HER OWN FINGERPRINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION. THIS ATTESTATION 46 SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A BUSINESS RECORD AS DEFINED LAW 48 SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 175.00 OF THEPENAL ΙN A MANNER 49 PRESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. The commissioner 50 obtain from each applicant ONE SET, OR WHERE NECESSARY, two sets of 51 fingerprints and the division of criminal justice services processing imposed pursuant to subdivision eight-a of section eight hundred 52 thirty-seven of the executive law and any fee imposed by the federal 53 54 bureau of investigation. The commissioner shall promptly transmit such 55 fingerprints and fees to the division of criminal justice services for 56 its full search and retain processing. The division of criminal justice

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services is authorized to submit the fingerprints and the appropriate to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal 3 history record check. The division of criminal justice services and federal bureau of investigation shall forward such criminal history record to the commissioner in a timely manner. For the purposes of this section the term "criminal history record" shall mean a record of all 6 7 convictions of crimes and any pending criminal charges maintained on 8 individual by the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation. In addition, upon request from an applicant who 9 10 has applied for employment with the city school district of the city of New York, the commissioner shall have the authority to forward a copy of 11 such criminal history record to the city school district of the city of 12 13 New York by the most expeditious means available. Furthermore, 14 notification that such applicant is employed by the city school district of the city of New York, the division of criminal justice services shall 16 have the authority to provide subsequent criminal history notifications 17 directly to the city school district of the city of New York. Upon 18 request from an applicant who has already been cleared for licensure and/or employment by the city school district of the city of New York, 19 such school district shall have the authority to forward a copy of the 20 21 applicant's criminal history record to the commissioner, by the most 22 expeditious means available, for the purposes of this section. Furthermore, upon notification that such applicant has been certified, the division of criminal justice services shall have the authority to 23 24 25 provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to 26 commissioner. All such criminal history records processed and sent pursuant to this subdivision shall be confidential pursuant to the 27 applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and shall not 28 29 be published or in any way disclosed to persons other than the commis-30 sioner, unless otherwise authorized by law. No cause of action against the department or the division of criminal justice services for damages 31 32 related to the dissemination of criminal history records pursuant to 33 this subdivision shall exist when the department or division of criminal justice services has reasonably and in good faith relied upon the accu-34 racy and completeness of criminal history information furnished to it by 35 qualified agencies. The provision of such criminal history record by the 36 37 division of criminal justice services shall be subject to the provisions 38 of subdivision sixteen of section two hundred ninety-six of the execu-39 tive law. The commissioner shall consider such criminal history record 40 pursuant to article twenty-three-A of the correction law. 41

- S 19. Paragraph b of subdivision 2 of section 3020-a of the education law, as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:
- b. The employee may be suspended pending a hearing on the charges and the final determination thereof. The suspension shall be with pay, except the employee may be suspended without pay if the employee has entered a guilty plea to or has been convicted of a felony crime concerning the criminal sale or possession of a controlled substance, a precursor of a controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia as defined in article two hundred twenty or two hundred twenty-one of the penal law; or a felony crime involving the physical abuse of a minor or student; OR A FELONY CRIME INVOLVING THE SUBMISSION OF FALSE INFORMATION OR THE COMMISSION OF FRAUD RELATED TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK. The employee shall be terminated without a hearing, as provided for in this section, upon conviction of a sex offense, as defined in subparagraph two of paragraph b of subdivision seven-a of section three hundred five

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of this chapter. To the extent this section applies to an employee acting as a school administrator or supervisor, as defined in subparagraph three of paragraph b of subdivision seven-b of section three hundred five of this chapter, such employee shall be terminated without a hearing, as provided for in this section, upon conviction of a felony offense defined in subparagraph two of paragraph b of subdivision seven-b of section three hundred five of this chapter.

- S 20. Subdivision 1 of section 3035 of the education law, as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:
- The commissioner shall submit to the division of criminal justice services ONE SET OR WHERE NECESSARY, two sets of fingerprints of prospective employees as defined in subdivision three of section eleven hundred twenty-five of this chapter received from a school district, charter school or board of cooperative educational services and of prospective employees received from nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools pursuant to title two of this chapter OR A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (F) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, PURSUANT TO  $\mathtt{TITLE}$ ARTICLE SIX OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, OTHER THAN A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, and the division of criminal justice services processing fee imposed pursuant to subdivision eight-a of section eight hundred thirty-seven of the executive law and any fee imposed by the federal bureau of investigation. The division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation shall forward such criminal history record to the commissioner in a timely manner. For the purposes of this section, the term "criminal history record" mean a record of all convictions of crimes and any pending criminal charges maintained on an individual by the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation. All such criminal history records sent to the commissioner pursuant to this subdivision shall be confidential pursuant to the applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and shall not be published or in any way disclosed to persons other than the commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by law.
- S 21. Subdivisions 3 and 3-a of section 3035 of the education law, subdivision 3 as amended by section 7 of chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, and subdivision 3-a as added by chapter 380 of the laws of 2001, are amended to read as follows:
- 3. (a) Clearance. After receipt of a criminal history record from the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation the commissioner shall promptly notify the appropriate school district, charter school, board of cooperative educational services, nonpublic or private elementary or secondary school, OR SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL whether the prospective employee to which such report relates is cleared for employment based upon his or her criminal history. All determinations to grant or deny clearance for employment pursuant to this paragraph shall be performed in accordance with subdivision sixteen of section two hundred ninety-six of the executive law and article twenty-three-A of the correction law. When the commissioner denies a prospective employee clearance for employment, such prospective employee shall be afforded notice and the right to be heard and offer proof in opposition to such determination in accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, PROVIDED THAT IN THE CASE OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHTY-SEVEN OR EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER THE DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO SECTION FIFTY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW SHALL APPLY.

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Conditional clearance. When the commissioner receives a request for a determination on the conditional clearance of a prospective employee, the commissioner, after receipt of a criminal history record from the division of criminal justice services, shall promptly notify the prospective employee and the appropriate school district, charter school, board of cooperative educational services, [or] nonpublic private elementary or secondary school OR SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL that the prospective employee to which such report relates is conditionally cleared for employment based upon his or her criminal history or that more time is needed to make the determination. If the commissioner determines that more time is needed, the notification shall include a good faith estimate of the amount of additional time needed. notification shall be made within fifteen business days after the commissioner receives the prospective employee's fingerprints. determinations to grant or deny conditional clearance for employment pursuant to this paragraph shall be performed in accordance with subdivision sixteen of section two hundred ninety-six of the executive law and article twenty-three-A of the correction law.

3-a. Upon request from a prospective employee who has been cleared by the commissioner for employment and/or certification, the commissioner shall have the authority to forward a copy of such criminal history record to the city school district of the city of New York by the most expeditious means available. Furthermore, upon notification that such prospective employee is employed by the city school district of the city New York OR IS EMPLOYED BY A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, the division of criminal justice services shall have the authority to provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to the city school district of the city of New York. Upon request from a prospective employee who has been cleared for licensure and/or employment by the city school district of the city of New York OR HAS BEEN CLEARED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR EMPLOYMENT BY A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL THAT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, such school district OR CITY shall have the authority to forward a copy of the prospective employee's criminal history record to the commissioner, by the most expeditious means available, for the purposes of this section. more, upon notification that such prospective employee is employed by a school district outside the city of New York OR BY A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL THAT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, the division of criminal justice services shall have the authority to provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to the commissioner.

- S 22. Paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4212 of the education law, as amended by section 1-a of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:
- (i) consistent with appropriate collective bargaining agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references, and relevant experiential and educational information, [and] sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge, has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction AND, IN THE CASE OF A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE, BE FINGERPRINTED FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (C) OF THIS SECTION;

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S 23. Section 4212 of the education law is amended by adding a subdivision (c) to read as follows:

- THE SCHOOL SHALL REQUIRE, FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK, THE FINGERPRINTING OF ALL PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE AND SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, EXCEPT WHERE SUCH EMPLOYEES HOLD VALID CLEARANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE PROSPECTIVE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OR SECTION THREE THOUSAND FOUR-B OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION FIVE HUNDRED NINE-CC OR TWELVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE-D OF VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAW, OR VALID CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NEW AND YORK PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROC-ESS, THE SCHOOL SHALL FURNISH THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WITH THEDESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL OBTAIN THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH. EVERY SET OF FINGERPRINTS TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PROMPTLY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMIS-SIONER FOR PURPOSES OF CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTIFICATIONS THE SCHOOL FOR ITS EMPLOYEES.
  - NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE SCHOOL MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMER-GENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF UNION FREE SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER.
  - S 24. Paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4314 of the as amended by section 2 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:
  - (i) consistent with appropriate collective agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references, relevant experiential and educational information, and sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge, has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction AND, IN THE CASE OF A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE, BE FINGERPRINT-FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (C) OF THIS SECTION;
  - S 25. Section 4314 of the education law is amended by adding subdivision (c) to read as follows:
- 44 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL 45 HISTORY RECORD CHECK, THE FINGERPRINTING OF ALL PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF 46 THE SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, WHO DO NOT HOLD THIRTY-FIVE VALID CLEARANCE PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION THREE THOUSAND 49 **PURSUANT** SECTION THREE THOUSAND FOUR-B OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION 50 FIVE HUNDRED NINE-CC OR TWELVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE-D OF THE VEHICLE TRAFFIC LAW, OR VALID CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK PURSUANT PROCESS, 52 TO LOCAL LAW. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING THE 53 DEPARTMENT SHALL FURNISH THEPROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WITHTHEFORM 54 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL OBTAIN THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO 55 56 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH. EVERY SET OF FINGERPRINTS TAKEN THE

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PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PROMPTLY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PURPOSES OF CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT.

- (II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER.
- S 26. Paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4358 of the education law, as amended by section 3 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:
- (i) consistent with appropriate collective bargaining agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references and relevant experiential and educational information, and sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge, has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction AND, IN THE CASE OF A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE, BE FINGERPRINTED FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (C) OF THIS SECTION;
- S 27. Section 4358 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision (c) to read as follows:
- (C) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK, THE FINGERPRINTING OF ALL PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE AND SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, WHO DO NOT VALID CLEARANCE PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OR PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOUSAND FOUR-B OF THIS CHAPTER OR FIVE HUNDRED NINE-CC OR TWELVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE-D OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, OR VALID CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK LOCAL LAW. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE DEPARTMENT PROSPECTIVE SHALL FURNISH THE EMPLOYEE WITH PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION DESCRIBED IN THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL OBTAIN THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH. EVERY SET OF FINGERPRINTS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PROMPTLY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMIS-SIONER FOR PURPOSES OF CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT.
- (II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER.
- S 28. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 11 of section 4403 of the education law, as amended by section 4 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) consistent with appropriate collective bargaining agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references, and relevant experiential and educational quali-

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fications and, sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction AND, IN THE CASE OF A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE, BE FINGERPRINTED FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF THIS SECTION;

- S 29. Section 4403 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 22 to read as follows:
- 22. A. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE, FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK, THE FINGERPRINTING OF ALL PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF 9 10 APPROVED PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE BY SUCH SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION 11 SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE AND SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF 12 THIS CHAPTER, EXCEPT WHERE SUCH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES HOLD VALID 13 14 PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OR PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOUSAND FOUR-B OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION FIVE 16 NINE-CC OR TWELVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE-D OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, OR VALID CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW. 17 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO PROGRAMS OPERATED 18 19 PURSUANT TO SECTION FORTY-FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT OF THIS ARTICLE BY A SCHOOL 20 DISTRICT OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. PRIOR TO INITIAT-21 ING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE SCHOOL SHALL FURNISH THE PROSPECTIVE 22 WITH THE FORM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY 23 OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL OBTAIN APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH. EVERY SET OF 25 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PROMPTLY FINGERPRINTS TAKEN 26 SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PURPOSES OF CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT. 27 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMIS-28 SIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL 29 NOTIFICATIONS TO APPROVED PRIVATE SCHOOLS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.
  - B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE APPROVED PRIVATE SCHOOL MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOY-EES OF THE SCHOOL TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER.
  - S 30. Section 4410 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9-e to read as follows:
- 38 PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE FINGERPRINTING. A. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL 39 REQUIRE, FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK, THE FINGER-40 PRINTING OF ALL PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF APPROVED PROVIDERS OF SPECIAL SERVICES OR PROGRAMS THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE41 STATE **PURSUANT** SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE AND SECTION THREE THOU-42 43 THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, EXCEPT WHERE SUCH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOY-44 EES HOLD VALID CLEARANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE 45 OR THREE THOUSAND FOUR-B OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION FIVE HUNDRED NINE-CC HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE-D OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW OR A 46 TWELVE 47 VALID CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW. AN 48 INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES RELATED SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION 49 DEEMED A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION AND 50 SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS 51 COMMISSIONER FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO OR HER INCLUSION ON A LIST OF RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS MAINTAINED 52 53 BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR BOARD PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH C OF SUBDIVISION NINE 54 OF THIS SECTION. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, 55 PROVIDER SHALL FURNISH ITS PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WITH THE FORM DESCRIBED 56 IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF

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CHAPTER AND SHALL OBTAIN THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL EVERY SET OF FINGERPRINTS HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH. TAKEN PURSUANT SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PROMPTLY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR OF CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTIFICATIONS TO APPROVED PROVID-7 THEIR EMPLOYEES. IN THE CASE OF A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY 9 10 NOTIFICATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF 11 YORK.

- B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE APPROVED PROVIDER MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE PROVIDER TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER.
- NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF CHAPTER. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRA-RY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE EACH MUNICIPALITY OR BOARD TO BE INCLUDED ON A LIST OF RELATED SERVICES OR INDIVIDUAL SEEKS SPECIAL EDUCATION ITINERANT SERVICES PROVIDERS WITH A COPY OF SUCH INDI-VIDUAL'S CRIMINAL CLEARANCE OR DENIAL OF CRIMINAL CLEARANCE, AND IN EVENT OF A DENIAL OF CLEARANCE, SUCH MUNICIPALITY OR BOARD SHALL REMOVE THE INDIVIDUAL FROM SUCH LIST UNLESS CRIMINAL CLEARANCE IS SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE QUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTIFICATIONS TO EACH MUNICIPALITY OR BOARD IN WHICH SUCH INDIVIDUAL IS INCLUDED ON A LIST OF RELATED SERVICE
- S 31. Section 12 of chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, amending the education law relating to conditional appointment of school district, charter school or BOCES employees, as amended by section 18 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- S 12. This act shall take effect on the same date as chapter 180 of the laws of 2000 takes effect[, and shall expire July 1, 2015 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed].
- S 32. The commissioner of education is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take any other measures necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date on or before such date.
- S 33. Section 34 of chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, amending the education law and other laws relating to the reorganization of the New York city school construction authority, board of education, and community boards, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:
- S 34. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002; provided, that sections one through twenty, twenty-four, and twenty-six through thirty of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed June 30, 2015; provided, further, that notwithstanding any provision of article 5 of the general construction law, on June 30, 2015 the provisions of subdivisions 3, 5,

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and 8, paragraph b of subdivision 13, subdivision 14, paragraphs b, d, and e of subdivision 15, and subdivisions 17 and 21 of section 2554 of 3 the education law as repealed by section three of this act, section 2590-b of the education law as repealed by section six of 5 this act, paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 2590-b of the educa-6 tion law as repealed by section seven of this act, section 2590-c of the 7 education law as repealed by section eight of this act, paragraph 8 2 of section 2590-d of the education law as repealed by section twenty-six of this act, subdivision 1 of section 2590-e of the 9 10 education law as repealed by section twenty-seven of this act, subdivi-11 sion 28 of section 2590-h of the education law as repealed by section 12 twenty-eight of this act, subdivision 30 of section 2590-h of the education law as repealed by section twenty-nine of this act, subdivision 13 14 30-a of section 2590-h of the education law as repealed by section thir-15 ty of this act shall be revived and be read as such provisions existed 16 in law on the date immediately preceding the effective date of this act; 17 however, that sections seven and eight of this act shall take 18 effect on November 30, 2003[; provided further that the amendments to 19 subdivision 25 of section 2554 of the education law made by section two of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of 20 21 subdivision pursuant to section 12 of chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, 22 as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section four 23 act shall take effect]. 24

- S 34. Section 4 of chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, amending the education law and other laws relating to the reorganization of the New York city school construction authority, board of education, and community boards, is REPEALED.
  - S 35. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016; provided that:
  - a. section thirty-one of this act shall take effect immediately;
- b. the provisions of sections one, two, three, four, eighteen, nine-teen, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight of this act shall apply to prospective employees of special education schools who are appointed on or after such effective date and to individual providers of pre-school related services who are placed on lists maintained by the municipality pursuant to subdivision 9 of section 4410 of the education law on and after such effective date;
- c. the amendments to subdivision 20 of section 2590-h of the education law made by section sixteen of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivision pursuant to subdivision 12 of section 17 of chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section sixteen-a of this act shall take effect; and
- d. the amendments to paragraph a of subdivision 25 of section 2554 of the education law made by section fifteen of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed expired therewith.