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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, BUCHWALD, CERETTO, COOK, GALEF, GOTTFRIED, SIMON, RAIA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring minors who are five years old to attend kindergarten instruction

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 3205 of the education law, as amended by chapter 118 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
2     read as follows:  
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4     c. [The board of education of the Syracuse city school district, the  
5     board of education of the city school district of the city of New York,  
6     the board of education of the city school district of the city of  
7     Rochester, the board of education of the city school district of the  
8     city of Utica, the board of education of the city school district of the  
9     city of Buffalo and the board of education of the city school district  
10    of the city of Yonkers are hereby authorized to require minors who are  
11    five years of age on or before December first to attend kindergarten  
12    instruction. However,] IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE STATE, MINORS WHO  
13    ARE FIVE YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER FIRST SHALL ATTEND KINDERGARTEN  
14    INSTRUCTION, HOWEVER, the provisions of this paragraph shall not  
15    apply to:  
16    (i) Minors whose parents elect not to enroll their children in school  
17    until the following September.  
18    (ii) Students enrolled in non-public schools or in home instruction.  
19    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
20    the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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