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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:

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 read as follows:

c. [The board of education of the Syracuse city school district, the board of education of the city school district of the city of New York, the board of education of the city school district of the city of Rochester, the board of education of the city school district of the city of Utica, the board of education of the city school district of the city of Buffalo and the board of education of the city school district of the city of Yonkers are hereby authorized to require minors who are five years of age on or before December first to attend kindergarten instruction. However,] IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE STATE, MINORS WHO ARE FIVE YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER FIRST SHALL ATTEND KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION, HOWEVER, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to:

(i) Minors whose parents elect not to enroll their children in school until the following September.

(ii) Students enrolled in non-public schools or in home instruction.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding 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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