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Introduced by M. of A. MAGNARELLI, HUNTER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the city school district of the city of Syracuse

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph h to read as follows:

H. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, PURSUANT TO ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SETTING FORTH A PLAN, MAY ENTER INTO A PILOT PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED FIVE SCHOOL YEARS BEGINNING IN THE TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN RESIDING WITHIN THE DISTRICT ATTENDING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE FIVE WHO LIVE ONE MILE OR MORE FROM THE SCHOOL THEY LEGALLY ATTEND. SUCH TRANSPORTATION SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CHILDREN'S HOMES OR BEFORE OR AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE LOCATIONS AND, IF OFFERED, SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH STUDENT UP TO A DISTANCE OF FIFTEEN MILES, PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY APPROVE TRANSPORTATION FOR CHILDREN WHO LIVE WITHIN ONE MILE FROM THE SCHOOL THEY LEGALLY ATTEND IF SUCH TRANSPORTATION IS NECESSARY DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS. TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE OFFERED EQUALLY TO ALL CHILDREN IN LIKE CIRCUMSTANCES RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT. FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTING APPROVED TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES FOR TRANSPORTATION AID, EXPENSES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE INCLUDED. THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE COMMISSIONER ON THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST FOUR YEARS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE COST AND BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF INCREASED OR DECREASED COSTS FOR THE THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE STATE, ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.

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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