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Introduced by Sen. DILAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to parental notification when charter schools are placed on probation or receive a remedial action plan

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 2855-a to read as follows:

S 2855-A. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION. 1. PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE ENROLLED IN CHARTER SCHOOLS OR WHOM THE SCHOOLS ARE ATTEMPTING TO RECRUIT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHEN SUCH SCHOOLS MAY BE PLACED ON PROBATION OR RECEIVE A REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN FROM THE CHARTER ENTITY OR REGENTS.

2. THE TERM "CHARTER SCHOOL" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS DEFINED IN THIS CHAPTER.

3. SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE GRANTED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF ACTUAL NOTICE OF SUCH A SCHOOL'S STATUS.

4. AS SCHOOLS PROVIDE NOTICE, THEY SHALL DISCLOSE THEIR PROBATIONARY STATUS AND REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN TO REMAIN OPEN.

5. SUCH PROVIDED NOTICE SHALL BE WRITTEN AND SENT VIA POSTAL MAIL TO THE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS. IN THE EVENT OF DUAL CUSTODY SITUATIONS, THE SCHOOLS SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO BOTH PARENTS IF THEIR ADDRESSES ARE ON FILE WITH THE SCHOOL.

6. SCHOOLS SHALL ALSO DISCLOSE THEIR PROBATIONARY STATUS IN A DATABASE THAT SHALL BE UPDATED EVERY TWO WEEKS. IN THIS DATABASE, CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL DISCLOSE ANY PROBATIONARY STATUS AND REMEDIAL ACTION PLANS.

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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