2015-2016 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 14, 2015

Introduced by Sen. ESPAILLAT -- 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 admission to a special high school in the city school district of the city of New York

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 2590-g of the education law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

- 4. subject to the provisions of section twenty-five hundred ninety-i of this article, maintain such jurisdiction over city-wide educational policies governing the special, academic, vocational, and other high schools authorized by this article [before the effective date of this section] as the respective community district education councils maintain over the schools within their jurisdiction, which shall not be construed to require or authorize the day-to-day supervision or the administration of the operations of such schools. PROVIDED, FURTHER, THE CITY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION TO THE SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOLS OF THE CITY DISTRICT, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF MULTIPLE MEASURES OF STUDENT MERIT INCLUDING THE GRADE POINT AVERAGES OF APPLICANTS AND SUCH OTHER FACTORS AS THE CITY BOARD SHALL DETERMINE TO BE NECESSARY.
- S 2. Subdivision 4 of section 2590-g of the education law, as added by chapter 720 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:
- 4. subject to the provisions of section twenty-five hundred ninety-i of this article, maintain such jurisdiction over policies governing the special, academic, vocational and other high schools authorized by this article [before the effective date of this section] as the respective community boards maintain over the schools within their jurisdiction, which shall not be construed to require or authorize the day-to-day supervision or the administration of the operations of such schools.

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

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 PROVIDED, FURTHER, THE CITY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION TO THE SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOLS OF THE CITY DISTRICT, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF MULTIPLE MEASURES OF STUDENT MERIT INCLUDING THE GRADE POINT AVERAGES OF APPLICANTS AND SUCH OTHER FACTORS AS THE CITY BOARD SHALL DETERMINE TO BE NECESSARY.

- S 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:
- (b) all specialized [senior] high schools. The special high schools shall include the present schools known as:

The Bronx High School of Science, Stuyvesant High School, Brooklyn Technical High School, Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music and the Arts in the borough of Manhattan, and such [further] ADDITIONAL schools which the city board may designate from time to time. The special schools shall be permitted to maintain a discovery program in accordance with the law in effect on the date preceding the effective date of this section[; admissions to the special schools shall be conducted in accordance with the law in effect on the date preceding the effective date of this section];

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S 5. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding date on which it shall have become a law; provided that the amendments to subdivision 4 of section 2590-q of the education law, sections one and two of this act, shall apply to the Stuyvesant high school, the Bronx high school of science, the Brooklyn technical high school, the Staten Island technical high school, the Queens high school for the sciences at York college, the high school for mathematics, science and engineering at City college, the high school for American studies at Lehman college, the Brooklyn Latin school, and all additional schools that the board of education of the city school district of city of New York designates as special high schools, not including the Fiorello H. LaGuardia high school of music and the arts; provided, further, that the amendments to subdivision 4 of section 2590-g and paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2590-h of the education law made by sections one and three of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such sections pursuant to section 34 of chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, as amended and subdivision 12 of section 17 of chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, as amended respectively when upon such date the provisions of sections two and four of this act shall take effect.