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Introduced by Sens. RITCHIE, BONACIC, HANNON, MARCHIONE, RANZENHOFER, SEWARD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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 providing a live webcast for meetings of the board of regents

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 204-a to read as follows:

S 204-A. WEBCASTING MEETINGS. THE ENTIRETY OF EACH MEETING OF THE REGENTS SHALL BE LIVE WEBCAST AND BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH MEETING, AND ARCHIVED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE, FOR A PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN TWO YEARS, WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE LAST MEETING. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC, VIA THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE, OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE LIVE WEBCAST OF SUCH MEETING AND SHALL NOTIFY EACH SUPERINTENDENT OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND EACH DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES MONTHLY OF THE UPCOMING MEETING OF THE REGENTS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF AND WHERE TO OBTAIN THE LIVE WEBCAST OF SUCH MEETING ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. THE REQUIREMENT TO LIVE WEBCAST THE ENTIRETY OF EACH MEETING SHALL NOT INCLUDE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after 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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