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Introduced by Sen. FLANAGAN -- (at request of the State Education Department) -- 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 providing an annual growth amount for tuition reimbursement for school age programs operated by in-state approved private schools for the education of students with disabilities and special act school districts

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

Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 4 of section 4405 of the education law, as amended by chapter 82 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

c. The director of the budget, in consultation with the commissioner [of education], the commissioner of social services, and any other state agency or other source the director may deem appropriate, shall approve reimbursement methodologies for tuition and for maintenance. Any modification in the approved reimbursement methodologies shall be subject to the approval of the director of the budget. [Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, tuition rates established for the nineteen hundred ninety-five--ninety-six school year shall exclude the two percent cost of living adjustment authorized in rates established for the nineteen hundred ninety-four--ninety-five school year.] TUITION RATES APPROVED FOR THE TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN SCHOOL YEAR AND THEREAFTER FOR SPECIAL SERVICES OR PROGRAMS PROVIDED TO SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS BY APPROVED PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL OR NON-RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE, AND BY SPECIAL ACT SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL GROW BY A PERCENTAGE EQUAL TO THE GREATER OF: (I) THE AVERAGE, ROUNDED TO THREE DECIMAL PLACES, OF THE QUOTIENTS OF THE TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME OF TAXPAYERS IN THE STATE FOR EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR IN THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD FINISHING WITH THE STATE FISCAL YEAR ONE YEAR

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

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PRIOR TO THE STATE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE BASE YEAR COMMENCED DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME OF TAXPAYERS OF THE STATE FOR EACH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING STATE FISCAL YEAR, ROUNDED TO THREE DECIMAL PLACES MINUS ONE, OR (II) ZERO.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.