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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to persistently failing schools

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 211-f of the education law, as added by section 1 of subpart H of part EE of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Persistently failing schools. Based upon measures of student achievement and outcomes and a methodology prescribed in the regulations of the commissioner, the commissioner shall designate as persistently failing each of the schools that have been identified under the state's accountability system to be among the lowest achieving public schools in the state for ten consecutive school years, based upon identification of the school by the commissioner as: a "priority school" for each applicable year from the two thousand twelve--two thousand thirteen school year to the current school year, or identified as a "priority school" in each applicable year of such period except one year in which the school was not identified because of an approved closure plan that was not implemented; and as a "School Requiring Academic Progress Year 5", "School Requiring Academic Progress Year 6", "School Requiring Academic Progress Year 7" and/or a "School in Restructuring," for [each applicable year from] the two thousand six--two thousand seven school year [to] AND the two thousand eleven--two thousand twelve school year. This designation shall not include schools within a special act school district as defined in subdivision eight of section four thousand one of this chapter or schools chartered pursuant to article fifty-six of this chapter.

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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