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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. FAHY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT relating to converting priority schools into community schools; to repeal section 211-f of the education law, relating to takeover and restructuring failing schools; and making an appropriation therefor

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

1 Section 1. Section 211-f of the education law is REPEALED.

2 S 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation
3 to the contrary, all schools identified by the commissioner of education
4 of the state of New York as a priority school shall be converted into a
5 community school to provide expanded health, mental health, and other
6 services to the students and their families pursuant to a plan approved
7 by the commissioner of education based on a comprehensive school and
8 community needs assessment. Furthermore, a community school shall mean a
9 school that partners with one or more agencies with an integrated focus
10 on rigorous academics and the fostering of a positive and supportive
11 learning environment, and a range of school-based and school-linked
12 programs and services that lead to improved student learning, stronger
13 families, and healthier communities. School districts shall convert
14 priority schools into community schools pursuant to this act during the
15 2016-2017 school year.

16 S 3. The sum of seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000), is hereby
17 appropriated to the state education department out of any monies in the
18 state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes
19 account not otherwise appropriated. Such monies shall be payable on the
20 audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved
21 by the state education department to fund grants to school districts
22 which are converting schools to community schools pursuant to section
23 two of this act for the purpose of funding the costs of such conversion
24 and the operating costs associated with a community school. Such funds
25 appropriated herein shall be used to pay grants to qualifying school
26 districts in the 2016-2017 school year.

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

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1 S 4. The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), is hereby
2 appropriated to the state education department out of any monies in the
3 state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes
4 account not otherwise appropriated. Such monies shall be payable on the
5 audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved
6 by the state education department to fund grants to school districts
7 which are converting schools to community schools pursuant to section
8 two of this act for the purpose of funding the costs of such conversion
9 and the operating costs associated with a community school. Such funds
10 appropriated herein shall be used to pay grants to qualifying school
11 districts in the 2017-2018 school year.
12 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.