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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to long range financial  
planning for school districts

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

- 1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3817  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 3817. LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN. 1. EACH YEAR, COMMENCING WITH THE  
4     PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN  
5     SCHOOL YEAR, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN  
6     CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE,  
7     PROVIDED SUCH COMMITTEE EXISTS, SHALL PREPARE FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD  
8     OF TRUSTEES A LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN TO ASSIST DISTRICTS IN ESTAB-  
9     LISHING AND PLANNING FINANCIAL GOALS AND PROJECTIONS.  
10    2. THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE  
11    ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS, SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR,  
12    SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICER, OR OTHER SIMILAR OFFICIAL THAT REPORTS DIRECTLY  
13    TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND HOLDS THE APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATION AS  
14    REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, SCHOOL  
15    BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, OR SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS LEADER, OR OTHER  
16    PERSON HOLDING AN APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATE AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPART-  
17    MENT.  
18    3. A LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN SHALL MEAN A PLAN THAT INCLUDES INFOR-  
19    MATION FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR AND PROJECTIONS FOR AT LEAST THE  
20    SUBSEQUENT TWO YEARS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT COVERS: (A) REVENUES;  
21    (B) EXPENDITURES; (C) UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE; (D) RESTRICTED FUND

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

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1 BALANCE; (E) GRANT AWARDS; AND (F) CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PLAN-  
2 NING.

3 4. A SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST POST ON ITS WEBSITE, IF AVAILABLE, AND IN  
4 FIVE PUBLIC PLACES IN SAID DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT'S LONG RANGE FINANCIAL  
5 PLAN, ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING ANY CORRECTIVE  
6 ACTION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY SECTION TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN-A OF THIS  
7 CHAPTER, AND ADOPTED ANNUAL BUDGET.

8 5. A DISTRICT MAY APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR A WAIVER OF THE  
9 REQUIREMENT TO PREPARE A LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UNDER SUBDIVISION ONE  
10 OF THIS SECTION, WHICH MAY BE GRANTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMIS-  
11 SIONER IF THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS THAT COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH SUBDIVISION  
12 WOULD BE UNDULY BURDENSOME OR IMPRACTICABLE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a  
14 law.