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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the panel for educational policy in the city of New York

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2590-a of the education law, as
2 added by chapter 330 of the laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:
3 3. City board. The term "city board" shall mean the [board of educa-
4 tion of the city district] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY.
5 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2590-b of the education law, as amended
6 by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:
7 1. (a) The board of education of the city school district of the city
8 of New York is hereby continued AS THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY.
9 Such [board of education] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall consist of
10 thirteen appointed members: one member to be appointed by each borough
11 president of the city of New York; and eight members to be appointed by
12 the mayor of the city of New York. The chancellor shall serve as an
13 ex-officio non-voting member of the [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL
14 POLICY. The [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall elect its
15 own chairperson from among its voting members. All thirteen appointed
16 members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority [and].
17 A MEMBER SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A NOTICE OF DISCHARGE, DISMISSAL OR A
18 REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF SUCH MEMBER, NOT LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS PRIOR
19 TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH ACTION. NOTWITHSTANDING SUCH NOTICE, SUCH
20 MEMBER SHALL RETAIN ALL RIGHTS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP ON
21 SUCH BOARD UNTIL SUCH EFFECTIVE DATE. NO MEMBER shall [not] be employed
22 in any capacity by the city of New York, or a subdivision thereof, or
23 the [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY. No appointed member of
24 the [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall also be a member,
25 officer, or employee of any public corporation, authority, or commission

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

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1 where the mayor of the city of New York has a majority of the appoint-
2 ments. Each borough president's appointee shall be a resident of the
3 borough for which the borough president appointing him or her was
4 elected and shall be the parent of a child attending a public school
5 within the city school district of the city of New York. Each mayoral
6 appointee shall be a resident of the city and two shall be parents of a
7 child attending a public school within the city district. All parent
8 members shall be eligible to continue to serve on the [city board] PANEL
9 FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY for two years following the conclusion of their
10 child's attendance at a public school within the city district. Any
11 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the appropriate appointing
12 authority within ninety days of such vacancy. Notwithstanding any
13 provision of local law, the members of the [board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL
14 POLICY shall not have staff, offices, or vehicles assigned to them or
15 receive compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for the
16 actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of
17 their duties.

18 (b) The [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall hold at least
19 one regular public meeting per month. At least one regular public meet-
20 ing shall be held in each borough of the city of New York per year; any
21 additional meetings may be called at the request of the chairperson. The
22 [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY shall consider appropriate
23 public accommodations when selecting a venue so as to maximize partic-
24 ipation by parents and the community.

25 (c) (i) Notice of the time, place and agenda for all [city board]
26 PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY regular public meetings shall be publicly
27 provided, including via the city board's official internet web site, and
28 specifically circulated to all community superintendents, community
29 district education councils, community boards, and school based manage-
30 ment teams, at least ten business days in advance of such meeting.

31 (ii) A [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY regular public meet-
32 ing agenda shall be comprised of a list and brief description of the
33 subject matter being considered, identification of all items subject to
34 a [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY vote, and the name, office,
35 address, email address and telephone number of a city district represen-
36 tative, knowledgeable on the agenda, from whom any information may be
37 obtained and to whom written comments may be submitted concerning items
38 on such agenda.

39 (d) The chairperson of the [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY
40 shall ensure that at every regular public meeting there is a sufficient
41 period of time to allow for public comment on any topic on the agenda
42 prior to any [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY vote.

43 (e) Minutes of all [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY regular
44 public meetings shall be made publicly available, including via the
45 [city board's] PANEL'S official internet website, in a timely manner but
46 no later than the subsequent regular [city board] PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL
47 POLICY meeting.

48 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however that the
49 amendments to subdivision 1 of section 2590-b of the education law made
50 by section two of this act shall not affect the expiration of such
51 subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.