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Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to notification requirements for school districts located in cities of a million or more when a school district chooses to acquire a site for a new school

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 2590-v  
2     to read as follows:

3     S 2590-V. REGULATION OF THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY BY THE CITY  
4     OF NEW YORK BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION  
5     AUTHORITY. 1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "SCHOOL  
6     DISTRICT" SHALL MEAN THE CITY OF NEW YORK BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NEW  
7     YORK CITY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, COLLECTIVELY.

8     2. NOT LESS THAN FORTY-FIVE DAYS NOR MORE THAN NINETY DAYS AFTER A  
9     SCHOOL DISTRICT'S NOTICE OF THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, THE SCHOOL  
10    DISTRICT SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC COMMUNITY FORUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAIN-  
11    ING PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY BOARD INPUT CONCERNING THE ANTICIPATED IMPACT  
12    OF THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION UPON THE COMMUNITY. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
13    SHALL AFFORD COMMUNITY MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY  
14    BOARD, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK  
15    ABOUT RELEVANT MATTERS AT SUCH COMMUNITY FORUM, INCLUDING THE APPROPRI-  
16    ATENESS OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW SCHOOL AT SUCH LOCATION. EVERY SUCH FORUM  
17    SHALL BE HELD UPON NOT LESS THAN TWENTY DAYS NOTICE TO THE AFFECTED  
18    COMMUNITY AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BOARD.

19    3. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL, PRIOR TO ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND  
20    LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY FORUM, CONSULT WITH AND OBTAIN THE  
21    ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY BOARD, AS TO ESTABLISH-  
22    ING A CONVENIENT DATE, TIME AND LOCATION TO CONDUCT THE FORUM FOR THE  
23    LOCAL IMPACTED COMMUNITY. SUCH FORUM LOCATION SHALL BE WITHIN REASONABLE  
24    PROXIMITY OF THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION, AND IN SUITABLE FACILITIES THAT  
25    PROVIDE ADEQUATE ROOM AND ACCESS TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS PRESENTED.

26    S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
27    have become a law.

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

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