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Introduced by M. of A. SKARTADOS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SKOUFIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enabling high school students to use public transportation to ride to and from school at no charge

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph a-1 to read as follows:

A-1. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDING A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WITHOUT CHARGE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE DAILY ROUND-TRIP RIDE ON ANY SCHOOL DAY FROM THEIR RESIDENCES TO THE SCHOOLS WHICH THEY ATTEND AND FROM SUCH SCHOOLS TO THEIR RESIDENCES. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE A SUITABLE IDENTIFICATION CARD TO EACH OF ITS STUDENTS IN ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM UTILIZED TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE EACH STUDENT'S ENTITLEMENT TO THIS BENEFIT.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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