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Introduced by Sens. AVELLA, ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the St. Patrick's Day school holiday

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3204-a to read as follows:

S 3204-A. ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY. 1. THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH, COMMONLY KNOWN AS ST. PATRICK'S DAY, SHALL BE A SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN A QUALIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

2. A QUALIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, SHALL MEAN A CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF A CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE INHABITANTS.

3. THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES OF A QUALIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO CAUSE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITHIN SUCH DISTRICT TO BE CLOSED ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

S 2. Section 3604 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7-c to read as follows:

7-C. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, FOR PURPOSES OF ANY CALCULATION UNDER SUBDIVISION SEVEN OR EIGHT OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DISREGARD ANY REDUCTION RESULTING FROM OBSERVANCE OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND, IF NECESSARY, SUCH OBSERVED HOLIDAY SHALL BE CALCULATED AS A SESSION DAY.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that any and all rules and regulations and any other measures necessary to implement any provision of this act on its effective date may be promulgated and taken, respectively, on or before such effective date.

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

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