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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to foundation aid

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 4 of section 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 7 of part A of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

In addition to any other apportionment pursuant to this chapter, a school district, other than a special act school district as defined in subdivision eight of section four thousand one of this chapter, shall be eligible for total foundation aid equal to the product of total aidable foundation pupil units multiplied by the district's selected foundation aid, which shall be the greater of five hundred dollars ($500) or foundation formula aid, provided, however that for the two thousand seven--two thousand eight through two thousand eight--two thousand nine school years, no school district shall receive total foundation aid in excess of the sum of the total foundation aid base for aid payable in the two thousand seven--two thousand eight school year computed pursuant to subparagraph (i) of paragraph j of subdivision one of this section, plus the phase-in foundation increase computed pursuant to paragraph b of this subdivision, and provided further that for the two thousand twelve--two thousand thirteen school year, no school district shall receive total foundation aid in excess of the sum of the total foundation aid base for aid payable in the two thousand eleven--two thousand twelve school year computed pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph j of subdivision one of this section, plus the phase-in foundation increase computed pursuant to paragraph b of this subdivision, and provided further that for the two thousand thirteen--two thousand fourteen school year and thereafter, no school district shall receive total foundation aid in excess of the sum of the total foundation aid base computed pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph j of subdivision one of this section, plus the phase-in foundation increase computed pursuant to paragraph b of this subdivision, and provided further that for the two

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

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thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen school year, no eligible school districts shall receive total foundation aid in excess of the sum of the total foundation aid base computed pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph j of subdivision one of this section plus the sum of (A) the phase-in foundation increase, (B) the executive foundation increase with a minimum increase pursuant to paragraph b-2 of this subdivision, [and] (C) an amount equal to "COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AID" in the computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of the executive budget request for the two thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen school year and entitled "BT161-7", where (1) "eligible school district" shall be defined as a district with (a) an unrestricted aid increase of less than seven percent (0.07) and (b) a three year average free and reduced price lunch percent greater than fifteen percent (0.15), and (2) "unrestricted aid increase" shall mean the quotient arrived at when dividing (a) the sum of the executive foundation aid increase plus the gap elimination adjustment for the base year, by (b) the difference of foundation aid for the base year less the gap elimination adjustment for the base year, and (3) "executive foundation increase" shall mean the difference of (a) the amounts set forth for each school district as "FOUNDATION AID" under the heading "2016-17 ESTIMATED AIDS" in the school aid computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of the executive budget request for the two thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen school year and entitled "BT161-7" less (b) the amounts set forth for each school district as "FOUNDATION AID" under the heading "2015-16 BASE YEAR AIDS" in such computer listing, OR (C) ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH A COMBINED WEALTH RATIO LESS THAN ONE (1.000) AND WHERE THE QUOTIENT OF (A) THE AMOUNT SET FORTH FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AS "FOUNDATION AID" UNDER THE HEADING "2015-16 BASE YEAR AIDS" IN THE SCHOOL AID COMPUTER LISTING PRODUCED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN SUPPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN SCHOOL YEAR AND ENTITLED "BT161-7" DIVIDED BY (B) TOTAL FOUNDATION AID, IS LESS THAN FORTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS (.45), and provided further that total foundation aid shall not be less than the product of the total foundation aid base computed pursuant to paragraph j of subdivision one of this section and the due-minimum percent which shall be, for the two thousand twelve--two thousand thirteen school year, one hundred and six-tenths percent (1.006) and for the two thousand thirteen--two thousand fourteen school year for city school districts of those cities having populations in excess of one hundred twenty-five thousand and less than one million inhabitants one hundred and one and one hundred and seventy-six thousandths percent (1.01176), and for all other districts one hundred and three-tenths percent (1.003), and for the two thousand fourteen--two thousand fifteen school year one hundred and eighty-five hundredths percent (1.0085), and for the two thousand fifteen--two thousand sixteen school year, one hundred thirty-seven hundredths percent (1.0037), subject to allocation pursuant to the provisions of subdivision eighteen of this section and any provisions of a chapter of the laws of New York as described therein, nor more than the product of such total foundation aid base and one hundred fifteen percent, provided, however, that for the two thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen school year such maximum shall (1) be no more than the sum of (i) the product of such total foundation aid base and one hundred fifteen percent plus (ii) the executive foundation increase and plus (iii) "COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AID" in the computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of the executive budget request for the two thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen school year and entitled "BT161-7" AND (2) EXCEPT THAT THE MAXIMUM SHALL

NOT APPLY TO ANY DISTRICT WITH A PHASE-IN FOUNDATION INCREASE FACTOR PURSUANT TO SUBCLAUSE NINE OF CLAUSE (II) OF SUBPARAGRAPH TWO OF PARAGRAPH B OF THIS SUBDIVISION and provided further that for the two thousand nine--two thousand ten through two thousand eleven--two thousand twelve school years, each school district shall receive total foundation aid in an amount equal to the amount apportioned to such school district for the two thousand eight--two thousand nine school year pursuant to this subdivision. Total aidable foundation pupil units shall be calculated pursuant to paragraph g of subdivision two of this section. For the purposes of calculating aid pursuant to this subdivision, aid for the city school district of the city of New York shall be calculated on a citywide basis.

S 2. Clause (ii) of subparagraph 2 of paragraph b of subdivision 4 of section 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 7 of part A of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Phase-in foundation increase factor. For the two thousand eleven--two thousand twelve school year, the phase-in foundation increase factor shall equal thirty-seven and one-half percent (0.375) and the phase-in due minimum percent shall equal nineteen and forty-one hundredths percent (0.1941), for the two thousand twelve--two thousand thirteen school year the phase-in foundation increase factor shall equal one and seven-tenths percent (0.017), for the two thousand thirteen--two thousand fourteen school year the phase-in foundation increase factor shall equal (1) for a city school district in a city having a population of one million or more, five and twenty-three hundredths percent (0.0523) or (2) for all other school districts zero percent, for the two thousand fourteen--two thousand fifteen school year the phase-in foundation increase factor shall equal (1) for a city school district of a city having a population of one million or more, four and thirty-two hundredths percent (0.0432) or (2) for a school district other than a city school district having a population of one million or more for which (A) the quotient of the positive difference of the foundation formula aid minus the foundation aid base computed pursuant to paragraph j of subdivision one of this section divided by the foundation formula aid is greater than twenty-two percent (0.22) and (B) a combined wealth ratio less than thirty-five hundredths (0.35), seven percent (0.07) or (3) for all other school districts, four and thirty-one hundredths percent (0.0431), and for the two thousand fifteen--two thousand sixteen school year the phase-in foundation increase factor shall equal: (1) for a city school district of a city having a population of one million or more, thirteen and two hundred seventy-four thousandths percent (0.13274); or (2) for districts where the quotient arrived at when dividing (A) the product of the total aidable foundation pupil units multiplied by the district's selected foundation aid less the total foundation aid base computed pursuant to paragraph j of subdivision one of this section divided by (B) the product of the total aidable foundation pupil units multiplied by the district's selected foundation aid is greater than nineteen percent (0.19), and where the district's combined wealth ratio is less than thirty-three hundredths (0.33), seven and seventy-five hundredths percent (0.0775); or (3) for any other district designated as high need pursuant to clause (c) of subparagraph two of paragraph c of subdivision six of this section for the school aid computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of the enacted budget for the two thousand seven--two thousand eight school year and entitled "SA0708", four percent (0.04); or (4) for a city school district in a city having a population of one hundred twenty-five thou-

sand or more but less than one million, fourteen percent (0.14); or (5) for school districts that were designated as small city school districts or central school districts whose boundaries include a portion of a small city for the school aid computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of the enacted budget for the two thousand fourteen--two thousand fifteen school year and entitled "SA1415", four and seven hundred fifty-one thousandths percent (0.04751); or (6) for all other districts one percent (0.01), and for the two thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen school year shall equal for an eligible school district the greater of: (1) for a city school district in a city with a population of one million or more, seven and seven hundred eighty four thousandths percent (0.07784); or (2) for a city school district in a city with a population of more than two hundred fifty thousand but less than one million as of the most recent federal decennial census, seven and three hundredths percent (0.0703); or (3) for a city school district in a city with a population of more than two hundred thousand but less than two hundred fifty thousand as of the most recent federal decennial census, six and seventy-two hundredths percent (0.0672); or (4) for a city school district in a city with a population of more than one hundred fifty thousand but less than two hundred thousand as of the most recent federal decennial census, six and seventy-four hundredths percent (0.0674); or (5) for a city school district in a city with a population of more than one hundred twenty-five thousand but less than one hundred fifty thousand as of the most recent federal decennial census, nine and fifty-five hundredths percent (0.0955); or (6) for school districts that were designated as small city school districts or central school districts whose boundaries include a portion of a small city for the school aid computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of the enacted budget for the two thousand fourteen--two thousand fifteen school year and entitled "SA141-5" with a combined wealth ratio less than one and four tenths (1.4), nine percent (0.09), provided, however, that for such districts that are also districts designated as high need urban-suburban pursuant to clause (c) of subparagraph two of paragraph c of subdivision six of this section for the school aid computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of the enacted budget for the two thousand seven--two thousand eight school year and entitled "SA0708", nine and seven hundred and nineteen thousandths percent (0.09719); or (7) for school districts designated as high need rural pursuant to clause (c) of subparagraph two of paragraph c of subdivision six of this section for the school aid computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of the enacted budget for the two thousand seven--two thousand eight school year and entitled "SA0708", thirteen and six tenths percent (0.136); or (8) for school districts designated as high need urban-suburban pursuant to clause (c) of subparagraph two of paragraph c of subdivision six of this section for the school aid computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of the enacted budget for the two thousand seven--two thousand eight school year and entitled "SA0708", seven hundred nineteen thousandths percent (0.00719); or (9) FOR ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT WHOSE FOUNDATION AID INCREASE FOR THE TWO THOUSAND SEVEN--TWO THOUSAND EIGHT SCHOOL YEAR WAS REDUCED BY THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ALLOWED AND WITH A COMBINED WEALTH RATIO LESS THAN ONE (1.000) AND WHERE THE QUOTIENT OF (A) THE AMOUNT SET FORTH FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AS "FOUNDATION AID" UNDER THE HEADING "2015-16 BASE YEAR AIDS" IN THE SCHOOL AID COMPUTER LISTING PRODUCED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN SUPPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN SCHOOL YEAR AND ENTITLED "BT161-7"

DIVIDED BY (B) TOTAL FOUNDATION AID, IS LESS THAN FORTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS (.45), TWELVE AND TWENTY-ONE HUNDREDTHS PERCENT (0.1221); OR (10) for all other eligible school districts, forty-seven hundredths percent (0.0047) and for the two thousand seventeen--two thousand eighteen school year and thereafter the commissioner shall annually determine the phase-in foundation increase factor subject to allocation pursuant to the provisions of subdivision eighteen of this section and any provisions of a chapter of the laws of New York as described therein.

S 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph c of subdivision 5 of section 3604 of the education law; provided, however, that if section 7 of part A of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then sections one and two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such chapter of the laws of 2016 takes effect.