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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the construction of
school based health and mental health clinics in certain cities

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph a of subdivision 6 of section
2 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 5 of part A of chapter
3 60 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:
4 (1) For new construction and the purchase of existing structures, the
5 cost allowances shall be based upon the rated capacity of the building
6 or addition and a basic per pupil allowance of up to six thousand three
7 hundred seventy-five dollars adjusted monthly by a statewide index
8 reflecting changes in the cost of labor and materials since July first,
9 nineteen hundred ninety-two, established by the commissioner of labor,
10 modified by an annual county or multi-county labor market composite wage
11 rate, established by the commissioner of labor in consultation with the
12 commissioner, for July first of the base year, commencing July first,
13 nineteen hundred ninety-seven for general construction contracts awarded
14 on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, indexed to the
15 median of such county or multi-county rates, but not less than one.
16 Such base allowance shall apply to a building or an addition housing
17 grades prekindergarten through six and shall be adjusted for a building
18 or an addition housing grades seven through nine by a factor of one and
19 four-tenths, for a building or an addition housing grades seven through
20 twelve by a factor of one and five-tenths, for a building or addition
21 housing special education programs by a factor of two, except that where
22 such building or addition is connected to, or such space is located
23 within, a public school facility housing programs for nondisabled
24 pupils, as approved by the commissioner, a factor of three shall be
25 used. Rated capacity of a building or an addition shall be determined by

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

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1 the commissioner based on space standards and other requirements for
2 building construction specified by the commissioner. Such assigned
3 capacity ratings shall include, in addition to those spaces used for the
4 instruction of pupils, those spaces which are used for elementary and
5 secondary school libraries, cafeterias, prekindergarten instructional
6 rooms, teachers' conference rooms, gymnasiums [and], auditoriums AND IN
7 A CITY WITH MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND INHABITANTS UP TO
8 TWO THOUSAND SQUARE FEET FOR SCHOOL BASED HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH CLIN-
9 ICS. For new construction projects approved on or after July first, two
10 thousand, by the voters of the school district or by the board of educa-
11 tion of a city school district in a city with more than one hundred
12 twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and/or the chancellor in a city school
13 district in a city having a population of one million or more, such
14 rated capacity for new buildings and additions constructed to replace
15 existing buildings that, in the judgment of the commissioner, have not
16 been adequately maintained and have not reached their projected useful
17 life shall be reduced by the commissioner by an amount proportional to
18 the remaining unused portion of the useful life of the existing build-
19 ings, provided however that the commissioner may waive such requirement
20 upon a finding that replacement of the existing building is necessary to
21 protect the health and safety of students or staff, that reconstruction
22 and modernization of the existing building would not adequately address
23 such health and safety problems, and that the need to replace the build-
24 ing was not caused by failure to adequately maintain the building. If
25 the commissioner of labor resets the statewide index reflecting changes
26 in the costs of labor and materials since July first, nineteen hundred
27 ninety-two, the commissioner shall adopt regulations to supersede the
28 basic per pupil allowance of up to six thousand three hundred seventy-
29 five dollars to the imputed allowance in effect at that time.

30 S 2. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (j) of subdivision 1 of section
31 414 of the education law, as added by chapter 513 of the laws of 2005,
32 is amended to read as follows:

33 (iii) Except where otherwise authorized by law, the cost of providing
34 health, dental or mental health services shall not be a charge upon the
35 school district or board of cooperative educational services, and shall
36 be paid from federal, state or other local funds available for such
37 purpose. Building space used for such a clinic shall be excluded from
38 the rated capacity of the school building for the purpose of computing
39 building aid pursuant to subdivision six of section thirty-six hundred
40 two of this chapter or aid pursuant to subdivision five of section nine-
41 teen hundred fifty of this chapter, EXCEPT WHEN BUILDING AID IS SPECIF-
42 ICALLY AUTHORIZED IN A CITY WITH MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOU-
43 SAND INHABITANTS PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH ONE OF PARAGRAPH A OF
44 SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION THIRTY-SIX HUNDRED TWO OF THIS CHAPTER.

45 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.