

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. FAHY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT relating to converting priority schools into community schools; to repeal section 211-f of the education law, relating to takeover and restructuring failing schools; and making an appropriation therefor

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 211-f of the education law is REPEALED.

2 § 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation  
3 to the contrary, all schools identified by the commissioner of education  
4 of the state of New York as a priority school shall be converted into a  
5 community school to provide expanded health, mental health, and other  
6 services to the students and their families pursuant to a plan approved  
7 by the commissioner of education based on a comprehensive school and  
8 community needs assessment. Furthermore, a community school shall mean a  
9 school that partners with one or more agencies with an integrated focus  
10 on rigorous academics and the fostering of a positive and supportive  
11 learning environment, and a range of school-based and school-linked  
12 programs and services that lead to improved student learning, stronger  
13 families, and healthier communities. School districts shall convert  
14 priority schools into community schools pursuant to this act during the  
15 2017-2018 school year.

16 § 3. The sum of seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000), is hereby  
17 appropriated to the state education department out of any monies in the  
18 state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes  
19 account not otherwise appropriated. Such monies shall be payable on the  
20 audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved  
21 by the state education department to fund grants to school districts  
22 which are converting schools to community schools pursuant to section  
23 two of this act for the purpose of funding the costs of such conversion  
24 and the operating costs associated with a community school. Such funds

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

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1 appropriated herein shall be used to pay grants to qualifying school  
2 districts in the 2017-2018 school year.

3 § 4. The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), is hereby  
4 appropriated to the state education department out of any monies in the  
5 state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes  
6 account not otherwise appropriated. Such monies shall be payable on the  
7 audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved  
8 by the state education department to fund grants to school districts  
9 which are converting schools to community schools pursuant to section  
10 two of this act for the purpose of funding the costs of such conversion  
11 and the operating costs associated with a community school. Such funds  
12 appropriated herein shall be used to pay grants to qualifying school  
13 districts in the 2018-2019 school year.

14 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.