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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the fingerprinting of prospective employees of approved private special education schools, phasing-in a requirement that all fingerprints submitted by prospective employees and applicants for certification be electronically submitted, strengthening identification verification practices for the purpose of conducting criminal history record checks and enhancing existing statutory mechanisms to expedite the removal of persons who commit fingerprint fraud, to amend chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, amending the education law relating to conditional appointment of school district, charter school or BOCES employees, in relation to making permanent certain provisions relating to conditional clearances for employment, and to amend chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, amending the education law and other laws relating to the reorganization of the New York city school construction authority, board of education, and community boards, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to repeal section 4 of chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, amending the education law and other laws relating to the reorganization of the New York city school construction authority, board of education, and community boards, relating thereto

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law, paragraph (a) and the opening paragraph and subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, paragraph (b) as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, are amended to read as follows:

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(a) The commissioner, in cooperation with the division of criminal justice services and in accordance with all applicable provisions of law, shall promulgate rules and regulations to require the fingerprint-

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[-] is old law to be omitted.

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ing of prospective employees, as defined in section eleven hundred twenty-five of this chapter, of school districts, charter schools and boards 3 of cooperative educational services, and special education schools, and authorizing the fingerprinting of prospective employees of nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools, and for the use of information derived from searches of the records of the division of criminal justice 7 services and the federal bureau of investigation based on the use of such fingerprints. The commissioner shall also develop a form for use by 9 school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational 10 services, special education schools, and nonpublic and private elementa-11 ry and secondary schools in connection with the submission of finger-12 prints that contains the specific job title sought and any other infor-13 that may be relevant to consideration of the applicant. 14 Prospective employees, including out-of-state applicants, shall be fing-15 erprinted using electronic scanning technology in a manner prescribed by 16 the commissioner in rules and regulations developed in cooperation with the division of criminal justice services, which shall include but not 17 be limited to standards for the submission of electronic fingerprints, 18 photographs and verification of the identity of prospective employees. 19 20 Out-of-state prospective employees, who submit fingerprint cards and are 21 not fingerprinted electronically pursuant to the requirements of this paragraph shall be fingerprinted electronically prior to employment 22 within the state. The prospective employee shall sign an attestation, on 23 24 a form prescribed by the commissioner, attesting that: at the time of fingerprinting, he or she presented two forms of proper identification, 25 26 with at least one providing a photograph; and he or she submitted his or 27 her own fingerprints in support of the criminal history background check 28 provided for in this section. This attestation shall be retained by the 29 department as a business record as defined in subdivision two of section 30 175.00 of the penal law in a manner prescribed in regulations of the 31 commissioner. The commissioner shall also establish a form for the 32 recordation of allegations of child abuse in an educational setting, 33 required pursuant to section eleven hundred twenty-six of this chapter. 34 No person who has been fingerprinted pursuant to section three thousand 35 four-b of this chapter or pursuant to section five hundred nine-cc or 36 twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law and whose 37 fingerprints remain on file with the division of criminal justice 38 services shall be required to undergo fingerprinting for purposes of a new criminal history record check. This subdivision and the rules and 39 40 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto shall not apply to a school 41 district within a city with a population of one million or more, or to 42 special education schools located within such city. 43

- (b) The commissioner, in cooperation with the division of criminal justice services, shall promulgate a form to be provided to all such prospective employees of school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services, **special education schools** and nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools that elect to finger-print and seek clearance for prospective employees that shall:
- (i) inform the prospective employee that the commissioner is required or authorized to request his or her criminal history information from the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation and review such information pursuant to this section, and provide a description of the manner in which his or her [fingerprint cards] fingerprints will be taken and used upon submission to the division of criminal justice services;

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inform the prospective employee that he or she has the right to obtain, review and seek correction of his or her criminal history information pursuant to regulations and procedures established by the division of criminal justice services.

- § 2. Subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law, as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:
- (vii) been informed that in the event his or her employment is terminated and such person has not become employed in the same or another school district, charter school, board of cooperative educational services, special education school or nonpublic or private elementary or secondary school within twelve-months of such termination, the commissioner shall notify the division of criminal justice services of such termination, and the division of criminal justice services shall destroy the fingerprints of such person. Such person may request that the commissioner notify the division of criminal justice services that his or her fingerprints shall be destroyed prior to the expiration of such twelve month period in which case the commissioner shall notify the division of criminal justice services and the division shall destroy the fingerprints of such person promptly upon receipt of the request; and
- 3. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law, as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:
- (d) The commissioner shall develop forms to be provided to all school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services, special education schools and to all nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools that elect to fingerprint their prospective employees, to be completed and signed by prospective employees when conditional appointment or emergency conditional appointment is offered.
- § 4. Subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:
- (f) As used in this section and section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, "special education school" shall mean a state school operated pursuant to article eighty-seven or eighty-eight of this chapter, a state-supported school operated pursuant to article eighty-five of this chapter, an approved private non-residential or residential school for the education of students with disabilities that is located within the state, or an approved provider of preschool special education services or programs that is located within the state; provided that such term shall not apply to a school or facility operated or licensed by a state agency other than the department, unless such school or facility is also an approved private school for students with disabilities or an approved provider under section forty-four hundred ten of this chapter.
- § 5. Subdivisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 of section 1125 of the education law, subdivisions 3, 4 and 6 as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000 and subdivision 5 as amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 501 of the 2012, are amended and a new subdivision 10 is added to read as follows:
- 3. "Employee" shall mean any person receiving compensation from a school district, non-residential special education school or program, or employee of a contracted service provider or worker placed within the 51 52 school under a public assistance employment program, pursuant to title nine-B of article five of the social services law, and consistent with 54 the provisions of such title for the provision of services to such district, its students or employees, directly or through contract, 55

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whereby such services performed by such person involve direct student contact.

- 4. "Volunteer" shall mean any person, other than an employee, who provides services to a school or school district or non-residential special education school or program, which involve direct student contact.
- 5. "Educational setting" shall mean the building and grounds of a public school district, non-residential special education school or program, the vehicles provided by the school district for the transportation of students to and from school buildings, field trips, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities both on and off school district grounds, all co-curricular and extra-curricular activity sites, and any other location where direct contact between an employee or volunteer and a child has allegedly occurred, except that such term shall not apply to the residential component of a facility, as defined in section four hundred eighty-eight of the social services law, for whom allegations of abuse of a child in residential care or neglect of a child in residential care are subject to mandatory reporting to the statewide central register of child abuse and maltreatment pursuant to title six of article six of the social services law. Such term shall not include a special act school district as defined in section four thousand one of this chapter which shall be subject to article eleven of the services law.
- 6. "Administrator" or "school administrator" shall mean a principal of a public school, non-residential special education school or program, charter school or board of cooperative educational services, or other chief school officer.
- 10. "Non-residential special education school or program" shall mean a state supported school operated pursuant to article eighty-five of this chapter that does not have a residential component, an approved private non-residential school for the education of students with disabilities that is located within the state, or an approved provider of preschool special education services or programs that is located within the state; provided that such term shall also apply to an approved private residential school or approved provider of preschool special education that provides a residential program that also provides a day program or other non-residential program if the students in such non-residential program are not children in a facility as defined in section four hundred eighty-eight of the social services law, for whom allegations of abuse of a child in residential care or neglect of a child in residential care are subject to mandatory reporting to the statewide central register of child abuse and maltreatment pursuant to title six of article six of the social services law.
- § 6. Subdivision 2 of section 1126 of the education law, as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:
- 2. [In] (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, in any case where it is alleged that a child was abused by an employee or volunteer of a school other than a school within the school district of the child's attendance, the report of such allegations shall be promptly forwarded to the superintendent of schools of the school district of the child's attendance and the school district where the abuse allegedly occurred, whereupon both school superintendents shall comply with sections eleven hundred twenty-eight and eleven hundred twenty-eight-a of this article.
- (b) In the case of a non-residential special education school, where it is alleged that a child was abused by an employee or volunteer of

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18 19 such non-residential special education school, the report of such allegations shall be promptly forwarded to the administrator of such school, who shall be responsible for compliance with all the provisions of this article that apply to superintendents of schools.

- § 7. Subdivision 1 of section 1128-a of the education law, as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. Where a superintendent of schools <u>or school administrator</u> forwards to law enforcement a report as described in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section eleven hundred twenty-six of this article, he or she shall refer such report to the commissioner where the employee or volunteer alleged to have committed an act of child abuse as defined in this article holds a certification or license issued by the department.
- § 8. Subdivision 3 of section 1133 of the education law, as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:
- 3. Any superintendent of schools <u>or school administrator</u> who reasonably and in good faith reports to law enforcement officials information regarding allegations of child abuse or a resignation as required by this article shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise result by reason of such actions.
- 20 § 9. Paragraph a of subdivision 39 of section 1604 of the education 21 law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read 22 as follows:
- a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the 23 fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three 24 25 thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance 26 pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of 27 this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twentynine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the finger-28 29 printing process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of 30 31 section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the appli-32 cant's consent to the criminal history records search. Prospective 33 employees, including out-of-state applicants, shall be fingerprinted using electronic scanning technology in a manner prescribed by the 34 35 commissioner in rules and regulations developed in cooperation with the 36 division of criminal justice services, which shall include but not be 37 limited to standards for the submission of electronic fingerprints, photographs and verification of the identity of prospective employees. 38 39 Out-of-state prospective employees, who submit fingerprint cards and are not fingerprinted electronically pursuant to the requirements of this 40 41 paragraph shall be fingerprinted electronically prior to employment 42 within the state. The prospective employee shall sign an attestation, on 43 a form prescribed by the commissioner, attesting that: at the time of 44 fingerprinting, he or she presented two forms of proper identification, 45 with at least one providing a photograph; and he or she submitted his or 46 her own fingerprints in support of the criminal history background check 47 provided for in this section. This attestation shall be retained by the department as a business record as defined in subdivision two of section 48 175.00 of the penal law in a manner prescribed in regulations of the 49 50 commissioner. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivi-51 sion shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of 52 clearance for employment.
- § 10. Paragraph a of subdivision 39 of section 1709 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

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1 a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three 3 thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twentynine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the finger-7 printing process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant 8 with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of 9 section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the appli-10 cant's consent to the criminal history records search. 11 employees, including out-of-state applicants, shall be fingerprinted using electronic scanning technology in a manner prescribed by the 12 13 commissioner in rules and regulations developed in cooperation with the 14 division of criminal justice services, which shall include but not be limited to standards for the submission of electronic fingerprints, 15 16 photographs and verification of the identity of prospective employees. Out-of-state prospective employees, who submit fingerprint cards and are 17 not fingerprinted electronically pursuant to the requirements of this 18 19 paragraph shall be fingerprinted electronically prior to employment 20 within the state. The prospective employee shall sign an attestation, on 21 a form prescribed by the commissioner, attesting that: at the time of fingerprinting, he or she presented two forms of proper identification, 22 with at least one providing a photograph; and he or she submitted his or 23 her own fingerprints in support of the criminal history background check 24 25 provided for in this section. This attestation shall be retained by the 26 department as a business record as defined in subdivision two of section 27 175.00 of the penal law in a manner prescribed in regulations of the 28 commissioner. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivi-29 sion shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of 30 clearance for employment. 31

§ 11. Paragraph a of subdivision 9 of section 1804 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

34 a. The board of education shall, for purposes of a criminal history 35 record check, require the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do 36 not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section 37 three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or 38 twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to 39 40 initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdi-41 42 vision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall 43 obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. 44 Prospective employees, including out-of-state applicants, shall be fing-45 erprinted using electronic scanning technology in a manner prescribed by 46 the commissioner in rules and regulations developed in cooperation with 47 the division of criminal justice services, which shall include but not 48 be limited to standards for the submission of electronic fingerprints, 49 photographs and verification of the identity of prospective employees. Out-of-state prospective employees, who submit fingerprint cards and are 50 51 not fingerprinted electronically pursuant to the requirements of this 52 paragraph shall be fingerprinted electronically prior to employment 53 within the state. The prospective employee shall sign an attestation, on 54 a form prescribed by the commissioner, attesting that: at the time of 55 fingerprinting, he or she presented two forms of proper identification, with at least one providing a photograph; and he or she submitted his or

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her own fingerprints in support of the criminal history background check provided for in this section. This attestation shall be retained by the 3 department as a business record as defined in subdivision two of section 175.00 of the penal law in a manner prescribed in regulations of the commissioner. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.

- § 12. Subparagraph 4 of paragraph h of subdivision 4 of section 1950 of the education law, as amended by chapter 17 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (4) To enter into contracts with nonpublic schools to provide data processing services for pupil personnel records and other administrative records of the nonpublic schools [and the processing of fingerprints utilized in criminal history record checks for those nonpublic schools that elect to require such criminal history record checks pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter].
- § 13. Subparagraph a of paragraph 11 of subdivision 4 of section 1950 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 21 a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the 22 fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance 23 pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of 24 25 this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-26 nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the finger-27 printing process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of 28 29 section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the appli-30 cant's consent to the criminal history records search. <u>Prospective</u> 31 employees, including out-of-state applicants, shall be fingerprinted 32 using electronic scanning technology in a manner prescribed by the commissioner in rules and regulations developed in cooperation with the 33 division of criminal justice services, which shall include but not be 34 limited to standards for the submission of electronic fingerprints, 35 36 photographs and verification of the identity of prospective employees. 37 Out-of-state prospective employees, who submit fingerprint cards and are 38 not fingerprinted electronically pursuant to the requirements of this paragraph shall be fingerprinted electronically prior to employment 39 within the state. The prospective employee shall sign an attestation, on 40 41 a form prescribed by the commissioner, attesting that: at the time of 42 fingerprinting, he or she presented two forms of proper identification, 43 with at least one providing a photograph; and he or she submitted his or 44 her own fingerprints in support of the criminal history background check 45 provided for in this section. This attestation shall be retained by the 46 department as a business record as defined in subdivision two of section 47 175.00 of the penal law in a manner prescribed in regulations of the commissioner. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this paragraph 48 49 shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clear-50 ance for employment.
- 51 § 14. Paragraph a of subdivision 18 of section 2503 of the education 52 law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read 53 as follows:
 - a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance

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pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-3 nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of 6 section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. 7 8 employees, including out-of-state applicants, shall be fingerprinted 9 using electronic scanning technology in a manner prescribed by the 10 commissioner in rules and regulations developed in cooperation with the 11 division of criminal justice services, which shall include but not be limited to standards for the submission of electronic fingerprints, 12 photographs and verification of the identity of prospective employees. 13 Out-of-state prospective employees, who submit fingerprint cards and are 14 15 not fingerprinted electronically pursuant to the requirements of this 16 paragraph shall be fingerprinted electronically prior to employment 17 within the state. The prospective employee shall sign an attestation, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, attesting that: at the time of 18 19 fingerprinting, he or she presented two forms of proper identification, 20 with at least one providing a photograph; and he or she submitted his or 21 her own fingerprints in support of the criminal history background check provided for in this section. This attestation shall be retained by the 22 department as a business record as defined in subdivision two of section 23 24 175.00 of the penal law in a manner prescribed in regulations of the commissioner. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivi-25 26 sion shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of 27 clearance for employment.

§ 15. Paragraph a of subdivision 25 of section 2554 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

30 31 a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the 32 fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance 33 34 pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of 35 this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-36 nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the finger-37 printing process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant 38 with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of 39 section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. 40 **Prospective** 41 employees, including out-of-state applicants, shall be fingerprinted 42 using electronic scanning technology in a manner prescribed by the 43 commissioner in rules and regulations developed in cooperation with the 44 division of criminal justice services, which shall include but not be 45 limited to standards for the submission of electronic fingerprints, 46 photographs and verification of the identity of prospective employees. 47 Out-of-state prospective employees, who submit fingerprint cards and are 48 not fingerprinted electronically pursuant to the requirements of this paragraph shall be fingerprinted electronically prior to employment 49 50 within the state. The prospective employee shall sign an attestation, on 51 a form prescribed by the commissioner, attesting that: at the time of 52 fingerprinting, he or she presented two forms of proper identification, 53 with at least one providing a photograph; and he or she submitted his or 54 her own fingerprints in support of the criminal history background check provided for in this section. This attestation shall be retained by the 55 department as a business record as defined in subdivision two of section

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- § 16. Subdivision 20 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 20. Ensure compliance with qualifications established for all person-9 nel employed in the city district, including the taking of fingerprints 10 as a prerequisite for licensure and/or employment of such personnel and, 11 the taking of fingerprints as a prerequisite for licensure and/or employment of personnel employed by a special education school that 12 contracts with the city school district of the city of New York. Every 13 14 set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly 15 submitted to the division of criminal justice services where it shall be 16 appropriately processed. Furthermore, the division of criminal 17 services is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the federal bureau 18 of investigation for a national criminal history record check.
 - § 16-a. Subdivision 20 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended by chapter 100 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:
 - 20. Ensure compliance with qualifications established for all personnel employed in the city district, including the taking of fingerprints as a prerequisite for licensure and/or employment of such personnel and, the taking of fingerprints as a prerequisite for licensure and/or employment of personnel employed by a special education school that contracts with the city school district of the city of New York. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the division of criminal justice services where it shall be appropriately processed. Furthermore, the division of criminal justice services is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history record check.
 - § 17. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a-2) of subdivision 3 of section 2854 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:
- 36 (i) The board of trustees of a charter school shall require, for 37 purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all 38 prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of 39 this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section 40 five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and 41 42 law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, 43 prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described 44 in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of 45 this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal 46 history records search. Prospective employees, including out-of-state applicants, shall be fingerprinted using electronic scanning technology 47 in a manner prescribed by the commissioner in rules and regulations 48 developed in cooperation with the division of criminal justice services, 49 which shall include but not be limited to standards for the submission 50 51 of electronic fingerprints, photographs and verification of the identity 52 of prospective employees. Out-of-state prospective employees, who submit 53 fingerprint cards and are not fingerprinted electronically pursuant to 54 the requirements of this paragraph shall be fingerprinted electronically prior to employment within the state. The prospective employee shall 55 sign an attestation, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, attesting

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11 12 that: at the time of fingerprinting, he or she presented two forms of proper identification, with at least one providing a photograph; and he or she submitted his or her own fingerprints in support of the criminal history background check provided for in this section. This attestation shall be retained by the department as a business record as defined in subdivision two of section 175.00 of the penal law in a manner prescribed in regulations of the commissioner. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this paragraph shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.

§ 18. Subdivision 1 of section 3004-b of the education law, as separately amended by chapters 147 and 380 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

13 1. Criminal history records search. Upon receipt of an application for 14 certification as a superintendent of schools, teacher, administrator or 15 supervisor, teaching assistant or school personnel required to hold a 16 teaching or administrative license or certificate, the commissioner 17 shall, subject to the rules and regulations of the division of criminal justice services, initiate a criminal history records search of the 18 person making application, except that nothing in this section shall be 19 20 construed to require a criminal history record check of an individual 21 who holds a valid provisional certificate on the effective date of this section and applies for permanent certification in the same certificate 22 title, or of an individual who applies for a temporary license to serve 23 in the city school district of the city of New York and has been cleared 24 25 for licensure and/or employment by such city school district pursuant to 26 subdivision twenty of section twenty-five hundred ninety-h of this chap-27 ter. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the commissioner shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of 28 29 subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and 30 shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records 31 Applicants for certification, who are required to be finger-32 printed under this section, including out-of-state applicants, shall be 33 fingerprinted using electronic scanning technology in a manner prescribed by the commissioner in rules and regulations developed in 34 cooperation with the division of criminal justice services, which shall 35 36 include but not be limited to standards for the submission of electronic 37 fingerprints, photographs and verification of the identity of prospec-38 tive employees. Out-of-state prospective employees, who submit fingerprint cards and are not fingerprinted electronically pursuant to the 39 requirements of this paragraph shall be fingerprinted electronically 40 prior to employment within the state. The prospective employee shall 41 42 sign an attestation, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, attesting 43 that: at the time of fingerprinting, he or she presented two forms of 44 proper identification, with at least one providing a photograph; and he 45 or she submitted his or her own fingerprints in support of the criminal 46 history background check provided for in this section. This attestation 47 shall be retained by the department as a business record as defined in 48 subdivision two of section 175.00 of the penal law in a manner prescribed in regulations of the commissioner. The commissioner shall 49 obtain from each applicant one set, or where necessary, two sets of 50 fingerprints and the division of criminal justice services processing 51 52 fee imposed pursuant to subdivision eight-a of section eight hundred 53 thirty-seven of the executive law and any fee imposed by the federal 54 bureau of investigation. The commissioner shall promptly transmit such 55 fingerprints and fees to the division of criminal justice services for its full search and retain processing. The division of criminal justice

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services is authorized to submit the fingerprints and the appropriate fee to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history record check. The division of criminal justice services and the 3 federal bureau of investigation shall forward such criminal history record to the commissioner in a timely manner. For the purposes of this section the term "criminal history record" shall mean a record of all 7 convictions of crimes and any pending criminal charges maintained on an individual by the division of criminal justice services and the federal 9 bureau of investigation. In addition, upon request from an applicant who 10 has applied for employment with the city school district of the city of 11 New York, the commissioner shall have the authority to forward a copy of 12 such criminal history record to the city school district of the city of 13 New York by the most expeditious means available. Furthermore, upon 14 notification that such applicant is employed by the city school district 15 of the city of New York, the division of criminal justice services shall 16 have the authority to provide subsequent criminal history notifications 17 directly to the city school district of the city of New York. Upon request from an applicant who has already been cleared for licensure 18 19 and/or employment by the city school district of the city of New York, 20 such school district shall have the authority to forward a copy of the 21 applicant's criminal history record to the commissioner, by the most expeditious means available, for the purposes of this section. Further-22 more, upon notification that such applicant has been certified, the 23 24 justice services shall have the authority to division of criminal 25 provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to the 26 commissioner. All such criminal history records processed and sent 27 pursuant to this subdivision shall be confidential pursuant to the applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and shall not 28 29 be published or in any way disclosed to persons other than the commis-30 sioner, unless otherwise authorized by law. No cause of action against 31 the department or the division of criminal justice services for damages 32 related to the dissemination of criminal history records pursuant to 33 this subdivision shall exist when the department or division of criminal 34 justice services has reasonably and in good faith relied upon the accu-35 racy and completeness of criminal history information furnished to it by 36 qualified agencies. The provision of such criminal history record by the 37 division of criminal justice services shall be subject to the provisions 38 subdivision sixteen of section two hundred ninety-six of the execu-39 tive law. The commissioner shall consider such criminal history record 40 pursuant to article twenty-three-A of the correction law. 41

- § 19. Paragraph b of subdivision 2 of section 3020-a of the education law, as amended by section 3 of subpart G of part EE of chapter the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:
- The employee may be suspended pending a hearing on the charges and the final determination thereof. The suspension shall be with pay, except the employee may be suspended without pay if the employee has entered a guilty plea to or has been convicted of a felony crime concerning the criminal sale or possession of a controlled substance, a precursor of a controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia as defined in article two hundred twenty or two hundred twenty-one of the penal law; or a felony crime involving the physical abuse of a minor or student; or a felony crime involving the submission of false information or the commission of fraud related to a criminal history record check.
- § 20. Subdivision 1 of section 3035 of the education law, as amended 55 by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

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- The commissioner shall submit to the division of criminal justice services one set or where necessary, two sets of fingerprints of prospective employees as defined in subdivision three of section eleven hundred twenty-five of this chapter received from a school district, charter school or board of cooperative educational services and of prospective employees received from nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools pursuant to title two of this chapter or a special education school, as defined in paragraph (f) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter, pursuant to title six of article six of the social services law, other than a special education school located in the city of New York, and the division of criminal justice services processing fee imposed pursuant to subdivision eight-a of section eight hundred thirty-seven of the executive law and any fee imposed by the federal bureau of investigation. The division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation shall forward such criminal history record to the commissioner in a timely manner. For the purposes of this section, the term "criminal history record" shall mean a record of all convictions of crimes and any pending criminal charges maintained on an individual by the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation. All such criminal history records sent to the commissioner pursuant to this subdivision shall be confidential pursuant to the applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and shall not be published or in any way disclosed to persons other than the commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by law.
- 21. Subdivisions 3 and 3-a of section 3035 of the education law, subdivision 3 as amended by section 7 of chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, and subdivision 3-a as added by chapter 380 of the laws of 2001, are amended to read as follows:
- 3. (a) Clearance. After receipt of a criminal history record from the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation the commissioner shall promptly notify the appropriate school district, charter school, board of cooperative educational services, [ex] nonpublic or private elementary or secondary school, or special education school whether the prospective employee to which such report relates is cleared for employment based upon his or her criminal history. All determinations to grant or deny clearance for employment pursuant to this paragraph shall be performed in accordance with subdivision sixteen of section two hundred ninety-six of the executive law and article twenty-three-A of the correction law. When the commissioner denies a prospective employee clearance for employment, such prospective employee shall be afforded notice and the right to be heard and offer proof in opposition to such determination in accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, provided that in the case of prospective employees of state schools pursuant to article eighty-seven or eighty-eight of this chapter the due process procedures established by the commissioner pursuant to section fifty of the civil service law shall apply.
- (b) Conditional clearance. When the commissioner receives a request for a determination on the conditional clearance of a prospective employee, the commissioner, after receipt of a criminal history record from the division of criminal justice services, shall promptly notify the prospective employee and the appropriate school district, charter school, board of cooperative educational services, [ex] nonpublic or 54 private elementary or secondary school or special education school that the prospective employee to which such report relates is conditionally 56 cleared for employment based upon his or her criminal history or that

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more time is needed to make the determination. If the commissioner determines that more time is needed, the notification shall include a good faith estimate of the amount of additional time needed. 3 notification shall be made within fifteen business days after the commissioner receives the prospective employee's fingerprints. All determinations to grant or deny conditional clearance for employment 7 pursuant to this paragraph shall be performed in accordance with subdivision sixteen of section two hundred ninety-six of the executive law 9 and article twenty-three-A of the correction law.

3-a. Upon request from a prospective employee who has been cleared by the commissioner for employment and/or certification, the commissioner shall have the authority to forward a copy of such criminal history record to the city school district of the city of New York by the most expeditious means available. Furthermore, upon notification that such prospective employee is employed by the city school district of the city of New York or is employed by a special education school that contracts with the city school district of the city of New York, the division of criminal justice services shall have the authority to provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to the city school district of the city of New York. Upon request from a prospective employee who has been cleared for licensure and/or employment by the city school district the city of New York or has been cleared by the city of New York for employment by a special education school that is located outside of the city school district of the city of New York, such school district or city shall have the authority to forward a copy of the prospective employee's criminal history record to the commissioner, by the most expeditious means available, for the purposes of this section. Furthermore, upon notification that such prospective employee is employed by a school district outside the city of New York or by a special education school that is located outside of the city of New York, the division of criminal justice services shall have the authority to provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to the commissioner.

- 22. Paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4212 of the education law, as amended by section 1-a of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:
- (i) consistent with appropriate collective bargaining agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references, and relevant experiential and educational information, [and] sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge, has ever been convicted of a crime this state or any other jurisdiction and, in the case of a prospective employee, be fingerprinted for purposes of a criminal history background check pursuant to subdivision (c) of this section;
- § 23. Section 4212 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision (c) to read as follows:
- (c) (i) The school shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees of the school pursuant to subdivision thirty of section three hundred five and section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, except where such 54 prospective employees hold valid clearance pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five or section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the

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vehicle and traffic law, or valid clearance issued by the city of New York pursuant to local law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting proc-3 ess, the school shall furnish the prospective employee with the form 4 described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three 5 hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to 6 the criminal history records search. Every set of fingerprints taken 7 pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commis-8 sioner for purposes of clearance for employment. Notwithstanding any 9 other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner shall be authorized to provide subsequent criminal history notifications to the 10 11 school for its employees.

- (ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the school may establish procedures for the conditional appointment or emergency conditional appointment of prospective employees of the school to the same extent and under the same conditions as a board of education of a union free school district pursuant to subdivision thirty-nine of section seventeen hundred nine of this chapter.
- § 24. Paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4314 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:
- (i) consistent with appropriate collective agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be 24 limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references, and relevant experiential and educational information, and sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge, has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction and, in the case of a prospective employee, be fingerprinted for purposes of a criminal history background check pursuant to subdivision (c) of this section;
 - § 25. Section 4314 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision (c) to read as follows:
- 35 (c) (i) The department shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees of 36 the school pursuant to subdivision thirty of section three hundred five 37 38 and section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section three thousand thirty-five or 39 pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section 40 41 five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and 42 traffic law, or valid clearance issued by the city of New York pursuant 43 to local law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the department shall furnish the prospective employee with the form 44 described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three 45 46 hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to 47 the criminal history records search. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commis-48 49 sioner for purposes of clearance for employment.
- (ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner may establish procedures for the conditional appointment or emergency conditional appointment of prospective employees of the school by the department to the same extent and under the same conditions as a 54 board of education of a union free school district pursuant to subdivision thirty-nine of section seventeen hundred nine of this chapter.

§ 26. Paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4358 of the education law, as amended by section 3 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

- (i) consistent with appropriate collective bargaining agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references and relevant experiential and educational information, and sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge, has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction and, in the case of a prospective employee, be fingerprinted for purposes of a criminal history background check pursuant to subdivision (c) of this section;
- § 27. Section 4358 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision (c) to read as follows:
- history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees of the school pursuant to subdivision thirty of section three hundred five and section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section three thousand thirty-five or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law, or valid clearance issued by the city of New York pursuant to local law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the department shall furnish the prospective employee with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.
- (ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner may establish procedures for the conditional appointment or emergency conditional appointment of prospective employees of the school by the department to the same extent and under the same conditions as a board of education of a union free school district pursuant to subdivision thirty-nine of section seventeen hundred nine of this chapter.
- § 28. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 11 of section 4403 of the education law, as amended by section 4 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) consistent with appropriate collective bargaining agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references, and relevant experiential and educational qualifications and, sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction and, in the case of a prospective employee, be fingerprinted for purposes of a criminal history background check pursuant to subdivision twenty-two of this section;
- 54 § 29. Section 4403 of the education law is amended by adding a new 55 subdivision 22 to read as follows:

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22. a. The commissioner shall require, for purposes of a criminal 1 2 history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees of 3 approved private residential and non-residential schools which are 4 located within the state by such schools pursuant to subdivision thirty 5 of section three hundred five and section three thousand thirty-five of 6 this chapter, except where such prospective employees hold valid clear-7 ance pursuant to such section three thousand thirty-five or pursuant to 8 section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred 9 nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law, 10 or valid clearance issued by the city of New York pursuant to local law. 11 The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to programs operated pursuant to section forty-four hundred eight of this article by a school 12 13 district or board of cooperative educational services. Prior to initiat-14 ing the fingerprinting process, the school shall furnish the prospective employee with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty 15 16 of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the 17 applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly 18 19 submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment. 20 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commis-21 sioner shall be authorized to provide subsequent criminal history 22 notifications to approved private schools for their employees.

b. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the approved private school may establish procedures for the conditional appointment or emergency conditional appointment of prospective employees of the school to the same extent and under the same conditions as a board of education of a union free school district pursuant to subdivision thirty-nine of section seventeen hundred nine of this chapter.

§ 30. Section 4410 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9-e to read as follows:

31 9-e. Prospective employee fingerprinting. a. The commissioner shall 32 require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the finger-33 printing of all prospective employees of approved providers of special services or programs that are located within the state pursuant to 34 35 subdivision thirty of section three hundred five and section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, except where such prospective employ-36 37 ees hold valid clearance pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five 38 or three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law or a 39 valid clearance issued by the city of New York pursuant to local law. An 40 individual who provides related services pursuant to this section shall 41 42 be deemed a prospective employee for purposes of this subdivision and 43 shall be responsible for submitting his or her fingerprints to the commissioner for purposes of receiving clearance for employment prior to 44 45 his or her inclusion on a list of related service providers maintained 46 by the municipality or board pursuant to paragraph c of subdivision nine 47 of this section. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the provider shall furnish its prospective employee with the form described 48 in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of 49 this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal 50 51 history records search. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for 52 53 purposes of clearance for employment. Notwithstanding any other 54 provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner shall be authorized to provide subsequent criminal history notifications to approved provid-55 56 ers for their employees. In the case of a prospective employee who is

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employed by the city school district of the city of New York, the commissioner shall be authorized to provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to the city school district of the city of New York.

- b. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the approved provider may establish procedures for the conditional appointment or emergency conditional appointment of prospective employees of the provider to the same extent and under the same conditions as a board of education of a union free school district pursuant to subdivision thirty-nine of section seventeen hundred nine of this chapter.
- c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner may establish procedures for the conditional appointment or emergency conditional appointment of individuals who provide related services pursuant to this section to the same extent and under the same conditions as a board of education of a union free school district pursuant to subdivision thirty-nine of section seventeen hundred nine of this chapter. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner shall provide each municipality or board in which such individual seeks to be included on a list of related services or special education itinerant services providers with a copy of such individual's criminal clearance or denial of criminal clearance, and in the event of a denial of clearance, such municipality or board shall remove the individual from such list unless criminal clearance is subsequently issued by the commissioner. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner shall be authorized to provide subsequent criminal history notifications to each municipality or board in which such individual is included on a list of related service providers.
- § 31. Section 12 of chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, amending the education law relating to conditional appointment of school district, charter school or BOCES employees, as amended by section 34 of part A of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:
- § 12. This act shall take effect on the same date as chapter 180 of the laws of 2000 takes effect[, and shall expire July 1, 2017 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed].
- § 32. The commissioner of education is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take any other measures necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date on or before such date.
- § 33. Section 34 of chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, amending the education law and other laws relating to the reorganization of the New York city school construction authority, board of education, and community boards, as amended by section 1 of part 0 of chapter 73 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:
- 45 § 34. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002; provided, that sections 46 one through twenty, twenty-four, and twenty-six through thirty of this 47 act shall expire and be deemed repealed June 30, 2017; provided, further, that notwithstanding any provision of article 5 of the general 48 construction law, on June 30, 2017 the provisions of subdivisions 3, 5, 49 50 and 8, paragraph b of subdivision 13, subdivision 14, paragraphs b, d, 51 and e of subdivision 15, and subdivisions 17 and 21 of section 2554 of 52 the education law as repealed by section three of this act, subdivision 53 1 of section 2590-b of the education law as repealed by section six of 54 this act, paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 2590-b of the education law as repealed by section seven of this act, section 2590-c of the 55 education law as repealed by section eight of this act, paragraph c of

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subdivision 2 of section 2590-d of the education law as repealed by section twenty-six of this act, subdivision 1 of section 2590-e of the education law as repealed by section twenty-seven of this act, subdivi-3 sion 28 of section 2590-h of the education law as repealed by section twenty-eight of this act, subdivision 30 of section 2590-h of the education law as repealed by section twenty-nine of this act, subdivision 30-a of section 2590-h of the education law as repealed by section thirty of this act shall be revived and be read as such provisions existed 9 in law on the date immediately preceding the effective date of this act; provided, however, that sections seven and eight of this act shall take 11 effect on November 30, 2003[reprovided further that the amendments to subdivision 25 of section 2554 of the education law made by section two 12 of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such 13 14 subdivision pursuant to section 12 of chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, 15 as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section four of this 16 act shall take effect].

- § 34. Section 4 of chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, amending the education law and other laws relating to the reorganization of the New York city school construction authority, board of education, and community boards, is REPEALED.
 - § 35. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018; provided that:
 - a. section thirty-one of this act shall take effect immediately;
- b. the provisions of sections one, two, three, four, eighteen, nine-teen, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight of this act shall apply to prospective employees of special education schools who are appointed on or after such effective date and to individual providers of pre-school related services who are placed on lists maintained by the municipality pursuant to subdivision 9 of section 4410 of the education law on and after such effective date;
- c. the amendments to subdivision 20 of section 2590-h of the education law made by section sixteen of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivision pursuant to subdivision 12 of section 17 of chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section sixteen-a of this act shall take effect; and
- d. the amendments to paragraph a of subdivision 25 of section 2554 of the education law made by section fifteen of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed expired therewith.