STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to transportation

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

Section 1. Paragraph e of subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the education law, as amended by chapter 665 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

e. In lieu of the transportation provided pursuant to the foregoing 5 provisions of this subdivision, a board of education may, at its discretion, provide transportation to any child attending grades kinder-7 garten through eight between the school such child legally attends and 8 before-and/or-after-school child care locations. For the purposes of this subdivision, a before-and/or-after-school child care location shall mean a place, other than the child's home, where care for less than 10 11 twenty-four hours a day is provided on a regular basis [for a child who 12 attends school within the school district], provided that such place is 13 situated within the school district. This definition includes, but is 14 not limited to, a variety of child care services such as day care centers, family day care homes and in-home care by non-relatives. Such 15 16 transportation may be provided for children attending grades kindergar-17 ten through eight where the distance between the school they legally 18 attend and before-and/or-after-school child care locations is more than two miles, and may be provided for up to a distance of fifteen miles, the distance in each case being measured by the nearest available route 20 from before-and/or-after-school child care locations to the school they 21 legally attend, except that transportation for a lesser distance than 22 23 two miles or a greater distance than fifteen miles may be provided if 24 transportation for such distances is provided to students between home 25 and school. Where a child receives transportation from a before-school 26 child care location to the school he or she legally attends, such child 27 shall be entitled to receive transportation from the school he or she 28 legally attends to his or her home or to an after-school child care 29 location in accordance with this subdivision. Where a child receives

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

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1 transportation from the school he or she legally attends to an afterschool child care location, such child shall be entitled to receive transportation from home to the school he or she legally attends in 3 accordance with this subdivision. Transportation may be provided to any child attending grades kindergarten through eight between the school the child legally attends and before-and/or-after-school child 7 locations upon written request of the parent or legal guardian submitted not later than the first day of April preceding the next school year, 9 provided, however, a parent or guardian of a child not residing in the 10 district on such date shall submit a written request within thirty days 11 after establishing residence in the district and provided further that in order to be considered eligible for such transportation in the nine-12 13 teen hundred eighty-seven--eighty-eight school year, such request must 14 be submitted by August first, nineteen hundred eighty-seven. The 15 provision of transportation to or from before-and/or-after-school child care locations, if provided, shall be offered equally to all children in 17 like circumstances residing in the district, provided that a board of 18 education furnishing transportation pursuant to this paragraph may limit the provision of such transportation to child care locations located 19 20 within the attendance zone of the school the child attends, and to child 21 day care centers and school age child care programs licensed or registered pursuant to section three hundred ninety of the social services 22 law located anywhere within the school district. The cost of providing 23 24 such transportation between two or three miles, as the case may be, and 25 fifteen miles shall be considered for the purposes of this chapter to be 26 a charge upon the district. Such substitute transportation expense shall 27 be eligible for state aid in accordance with [elause] subparagraph one of paragraph b of subdivision seven of section thirty-six hundred two of 28 29 this chapter. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to impose a 30 duty upon boards of education to provide transportation to or from 31 before-and/or-after-school child care locations. Nothing in this subdi-32 vision shall be construed to authorize boards of education to provide to 33 any child transportation between a before-and/or-after-school day care 34 location and that child's home.

35 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding 36 the date on which it shall have become a law.