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Introduced by Sen. STEWART-COUSINS -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to persistently failing
schools

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 211-f of the
2 education law, as added by section 1 of subpart H of part EE of chapter
3 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:
4 (b) Persistently failing schools. Based upon measures of student
5 achievement and outcomes and a methodology prescribed in the regulations
6 of the commissioner, the commissioner shall designate as persistently
7 failing each of the schools that have been identified under the state's
8 accountability system to be among the lowest achieving public schools in
9 the state for ten consecutive school years, based upon identification of
10 the school by the commissioner as: a "priority school" for each applica-
11 ble year from the two thousand twelve--two thousand thirteen school year
12 to the current school year, or identified as a "priority school" in each
13 applicable year of such period except one year in which the school was
14 not identified because of an approved closure plan that was not imple-
15 mented; and as a "School Requiring Academic Progress Year 5", "School
16 Requiring Academic Progress Year 6", "School Requiring Academic Progress
17 Year 7" and/or a "School in Restructuring," for [~~each applicable year~~
18 ~~from~~] the two thousand six--two thousand seven school year [~~to~~] and the
19 two thousand eleven--two thousand twelve school year. This designation
20 shall not include schools within a special act school district as
21 defined in subdivision eight of section four thousand one of this chap-
22 ter or schools chartered pursuant to article fifty-six of this chapter.
23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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