

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 3, 2017

Introduced by Sen. VALESKY -- 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 the city school district of the city of Syracuse

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the education law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph h to read as follows:

3 h. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
4 city school district of the city of Syracuse, pursuant to adoption of a
5 resolution by the board of education setting forth a plan, may enter
6 into a pilot program not to exceed five school years beginning in the
7 two thousand seventeen--two thousand eighteen school year to provide
8 transportation services for children residing within the district
9 attending kindergarten through grade five who live one mile or more from
10 the school they legally attend. Such transportation shall be restricted
11 to transportation to and from children's homes or before or after-school
12 child care locations and, if offered, shall be provided for each student
13 up to a distance of fifteen miles, provided, however that the board of
14 education of the city school district may approve transportation for
15 children who live within one mile from the school they legally attend if
16 such transportation is necessary due to safety concerns. Transportation
17 pursuant to this paragraph shall be offered equally to all children in
18 like circumstances residing in the district. For the purpose of comput-
19 ing approved transportation expenses for transportation aid, expenses
20 for transportation provided pursuant to this paragraph shall be
21 included. The city school district of the city of Syracuse shall
22 provide a report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the
23 temporary president of the senate and the commissioner on the results of
24 the first four years of the pilot program, including the cost and bene-
25 fit analysis of increased or decreased costs for the the city school

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

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1 district and the state, and the impact on student attendance and academ-
2 ic performance of the school district, on or before September fifteenth,
3 two thousand twenty-one.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.