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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 the construction of school based health and mental health clinics in certain cities

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph a of subdivision 6 of section 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 5 of part A of chapter 60 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

(1) For new construction and the purchase of existing structures, the cost allowances shall be based upon the rated capacity of the building or addition and a basic per pupil allowance of up to six thousand three 7 hundred seventy-five dollars adjusted monthly by a statewide index reflecting changes in the cost of labor and materials since July first, 9 nineteen hundred ninety-two, established by the commissioner of labor, modified by an annual county or multi-county labor market composite wage 10 11 rate, established by the commissioner of labor in consultation with the 12 commissioner, for July first of the base year, commencing July first, 13 nineteen hundred ninety-seven for general construction contracts awarded 14 on or after July first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, indexed to the 15 median of such county or multi-county rates, but not less than one. Such base allowance shall apply to a building or an addition housing grades prekindergarten through six and shall be adjusted for a building 17 or an addition housing grades seven through nine by a factor of one and 18 four-tenths, for a building or an addition housing grades seven through 19 20 twelve by a factor of one and five-tenths, for a building or addition 21 housing special education programs by a factor of two, except that where 22 such building or addition is connected to, or such space is located within, a public school facility housing programs for nondisabled pupils, as approved by the commissioner, a factor of three shall be 25 used. Rated capacity of a building or an addition shall be determined by

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the commissioner based on space standards and other requirements for building construction specified by the commissioner. 3 capacity ratings shall include, in addition to those spaces used for the instruction of pupils, those spaces which are used for elementary and secondary school libraries, cafeterias, prekindergarten instructional rooms, teachers' conference rooms, gymnasiums [and], auditoriums and in 7 a city with more than one hundred twenty-five thousand inhabitants up to two thousand square feet for school based health and mental health clin-9 ics. For new construction projects approved on or after July first, two 10 thousand, by the voters of the school district or by the board of educa-11 tion of a city school district in a city with more than one hundred twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and/or the chancellor in a city school 12 13 district in a city having a population of one million or more, 14 rated capacity for new buildings and additions constructed to replace 15 existing buildings that, in the judgment of the commissioner, have not 16 been adequately maintained and have not reached their projected useful 17 life shall be reduced by the commissioner by an amount proportional to the remaining unused portion of the useful life of the existing build-18 19 ings, provided however that the commissioner may waive such requirement 20 upon a finding that replacement of the existing building is necessary to protect the health and safety of students or staff, that reconstruction and modernization of the existing building would not adequately address 22 such health and safety problems, and that the need to replace the build-23 24 ing was not caused by failure to adequately maintain the building. If 25 the commissioner of labor resets the statewide index reflecting changes 26 in the costs of labor and materials since July first, nineteen hundred 27 ninety-two, the commissioner shall adopt regulations to supersede the 28 basic per pupil allowance of up to six thousand three hundred seventy-29 five dollars to the imputed allowance in effect at that time. 30

§ 2. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (j) of subdivision 1 of section 414 of the education law, as added by chapter 513 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) Except where otherwise authorized by law, the cost of providing health, dental or mental health services shall not be a charge upon the school district or board of cooperative educational services, and shall be paid from federal, state or other local funds available for such purpose. Building space used for such a clinic shall be excluded from the rated capacity of the school building for the purpose of computing building aid pursuant to subdivision six of section thirty-six hundred two of this chapter or aid pursuant to subdivision five of section nineteen hundred fifty of this chapter, except when building aid is specifically authorized in a city with more than one hundred twenty-five thousand inhabitants pursuant to subparagraph one of paragraph a of subdivision six of section thirty-six hundred two of this chapter.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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