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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- 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 after-school activity participation based on attendance

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3207-b to read as follows:

§ 3207-b. After-school activity participation based on attendance. No student shall be barred from participation in any after-school activity if such student arrives late or leaves early from his or her school, due to such student's engagement in the actual performance of his or her duties in an emergency as (a) a volunteer firefighter, (b) a volunteer emergency medical technician, or (c) an enrolled member of a volunteer ambulance service pursuant to article thirty of the public health law. Such student shall provide notification to his or her school at the beginning of each school year or at the time such approved volunteer employment commences, whichever occurs first, that such student is engaged in volunteer employment. Students shall be permitted to participate in after-school activities in accordance with this section, if they are in compliance with school attendance policies and deemed to be in good academic standing. Each individual school system or district shall promulgate any applicable rules necessary to facilitate this section.

§ 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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