AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing school districts to use school transportation aid to pay for the cost and expenses of transporting and delivering meals, homework materials and any other school materials to students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Section 1. Section 3622-a of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the transportation of meals, educational materials, and any other school-related materials for the period that began with the declaration of the state of emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that was executed in executive order two hundred two that began on March seventh, two thousand twenty.

§ 2. Paragraph e of subdivision 1 of section 3623-a of the education law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 12 to read as follows:

(12) notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the transportation of meals, educational materials, and any other school-related materials for the period that began with the declaration of the state of emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that was executed in executive order two hundred two that began on March seventh, two thousand twenty.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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