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Introduced by M. of A. GANTT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT in relation to the transportation of students in the Rochester city school district

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

1 Section 1. a. Notwithstanding the provision of any law, rule, or regu-
2 lation to the contrary, including subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the
3 education law, the city school district of the city of Rochester, upon
4 approval of a vote by the board of education of a plan which describes
5 fiscal and educational outcomes and implementation strategy and notifi-
6 cation to the commissioner of education by February 1, 2020, may enter
7 into a transportation pilot program for a period not to exceed five
8 school years beginning with the 2020-2021 school year to provide trans-
9 portation services for children attending grades kindergarten through 3
10 in the 2020-2021 school year, and for children attending kindergarten
11 through 6 in the 2021-2022 school year and subsequent years, and who
12 live more than one-half mile and less than fifteen miles from the school
13 which they legally attend provided such transportation, if offered,
14 shall be offered equally to all children in like circumstances residing
15 in the district.
16 b. For the purposes of computing approved transportation expenses for
17 transportation aid for transportation provided under this pilot program,
18 expenses for transportation provided pursuant to this pilot program for
19 children attending grades kindergarten through 3 in the 2020-2021 school
20 year, and for children attending kindergarten through 6 in the 2021-2022
21 school year and subsequent years, who live more than one-half mile and
22 less than fifteen miles from the school which they legally attend shall
23 be included. Transportation expenses shall be reimbursed pursuant to
24 subdivision 7 of section 3602 of the education law during such pilot

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

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1 period in an amount not to exceed the 2019-2020 approved transportation
2 aid amount pursuant to such subdivision 7.

3 c. In the event costs for providing transportation for children that
4 would otherwise be aidable without this pilot program increase due to
5 enrollment changes or other customary increases in cost as defined in
6 regulation by the commissioner of education, the city school district of
7 the city of Rochester may apply to the commissioner of education for a
8 waiver to receive additional transportation aid in excess of the
9 2019-2020 transportation aid amount during the pilot program for
10 services that would otherwise be allowable transportation expenses.

11 d. The city school district of the city of Rochester shall provide a
12 report to the commissioner of education on the results of the first four
13 years of the pilot program, including data that describes the costs and
14 benefits of the program, by September 30, 2024.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.