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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN, RIVERA, PERRY, MOSLEY -- Multi-Sponsored
by -- M. of A. ARROYO, COOK -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to mayoral control of the
city school district of the city of New York

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 2590-b of the
education law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended
to read as follows:

(a) The board of education of the city school district of the city of
New York is hereby continued. Such board of education shall consist of
thirteen appointed members: one member to be appointed by each borough
president of the city of New York; four by the city council, one of whom
shall be a representative of a college or university, one of whom shall
be a member of parent organizations and one of whom shall be a member of
a community district education council; and [~~eight~~] four members to be
appointed by the mayor of the city of New York. The chancellor shall
serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the city board. The city
board shall elect its own chairperson from among its voting members. All
thirteen appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
authority and shall not be employed in any capacity by the city of New
York, or a subdivision thereof, or the city board. No appointed member
of the city board shall also be a member, officer, or employee of any
public corporation, authority, or commission where the mayor of the city
of New York has a majority of the appointments. Each borough president's
appointee shall be a resident of the borough for which the borough president
appointing him or her was elected and shall be the parent of a
child attending a public school within the city school district of the
city of New York. Each mayoral appointee shall be a resident of the
city and [~~two~~] one shall be [~~parents~~] a parent of a child attending a

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

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1 public school within the city district. All parent members shall be
2 eligible to continue to serve on the city board for two years following
3 the conclusion of their child's attendance at a public school within the
4 city district. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the appro-
5 priate appointing authority within ninety days of such vacancy. Notwith-
6 standing any provision of local law, the members of the board shall not
7 have staff, offices, or vehicles assigned to them or receive compen-
8 sation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for the actual and
9 necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

10 § 2. The opening paragraph of section 2590-h of the education law, as
11 amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 The office of chancellor of the city district is hereby continued.
14 Such chancellor shall serve at the pleasure of and be employed by the
15 ~~[mayer]~~ city board of the city of New York by contract. The length of
16 such contract shall not exceed by more than two years the term of office
17 of the ~~[mayer]~~ city board authorizing such contract. The chancellor
18 shall receive a salary to be fixed by the ~~[mayer]~~ city board within the
19 budgetary allocation therefor. He or she shall exercise all his or her
20 powers and duties in a manner not inconsistent with the city-wide educa-
21 tional policies of the city board. The chancellor shall have the follow-
22 ing powers and duties as the superintendent of schools and chief execu-
23 tive officer for the city district, which the chancellor shall exercise
24 to promote an equal educational opportunity for all students in the
25 schools of the city district, promote fiscal and educational equity,
26 increase student achievement and school performance and encourage local
27 school-based innovation, including the power and duty to:

28 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
29 have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision
30 1 of section 2590-b and the opening paragraph of section 2590-h of the
31 education law made by sections one and two of this act shall not affect
32 the expiration of such provisions and shall be deemed to expire there-
33 with.