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Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to encouraging schools serving grades nine through twelve to have student governments if feasible

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 2503 of the education law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph c to read as follows:

3 c. Student organizations shall include student governments in all
4 schools serving grades nine through twelve consisting of peer elected
5 students as long as it is feasible. Each school serving grades nine
6 through twelve shall have a student government unless the board of
7 education finds by duly noticed resolution that it is infeasible to have
8 a student government for the following year and such resolution cannot
9 cover more than one school year.

10 § 2. Subdivision 15 of section 2554 of the education law is amended by
11 adding a new paragraph c-1 to read as follows:

12 c-1. Student organizations shall include student governments in all
13 schools serving grades nine through twelve consisting of peer elected
14 students as long as it is feasible. Each school serving grades nine
15 through twelve shall have a student government unless the board of
16 education finds by duly noticed resolution that it is infeasible to have
17 a student government for the following year and such resolution cannot
18 cover more than one school year.

19 § 3. Section 1709 of the education law is amended by adding a new
20 subdivision 43 to read as follows:

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

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1 43. Shall have a student government in all schools serving grades nine
2 through twelve consisting of peer elected students unless the board of
3 education finds by duly noticed resolution that it is infeasible to have
4 a student government for the following year and such resolution cannot
5 cover more than one school year.

6 § 4. Section 1804 of the education law is amended by adding a new
7 subdivision 13 to read as follows:

8 13. Each central school district shall have a student government in
9 all schools serving grades nine through twelve consisting of peer
10 elected students unless the board of education finds by duly noticed
11 resolution that it is infeasible to have a student government for the
12 following year and such resolution cannot cover more than one school
13 year.

14 § 5. Subdivision 4 of section 1950 of the education law is amended by
15 adding a new paragraph pp to read as follows:

16 pp. Shall have a student government in all schools serving grades nine
17 through twelve consisting of peer elected students unless the board of
18 cooperative educational services finds by duly noticed resolution that
19 it is infeasible to have a student government for the following year and
20 such resolution cannot cover more than one school year.

21 § 6. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
22 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.