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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the panel for educational policy in the city of New York

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2590-a of the education law, as added by chapter 330 of the laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

3. City board. The term "city board" shall mean the ~~[board of education of the city district]~~ panel for educational policy.

§ 2. 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:

1. (a) The board of education of the city school district of the city of New York is hereby continued as the panel for educational policy.

Such ~~[board of education]~~ panel for educational policy shall consist of

thirteen appointed members: one member to be appointed by each borough president of the city of New York; and eight 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]~~ panel for educational

policy. The ~~[city board]~~ panel for educational policy shall elect its own chairperson from among its voting members. All thirteen appointed

members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority ~~[and]~~. A member shall be provided with a notice of discharge, dismissal or a

request for resignation of such member, not less than thirty days prior to the effective date of such action. Notwithstanding such notice, such

member shall retain all rights, duties and obligations of membership on such board until such effective date. No member shall ~~[not]~~ be employed

in any capacity by the city of New York, or a subdivision thereof, or the ~~[city board]~~ panel for educational policy. No appointed member of

the ~~[city board]~~ panel for educational policy shall also be a member,

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

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1 officer, or employee of any public corporation, authority, or commission
2 where the mayor of the city of New York has a majority of the appoint-
3 ments. Each borough president's appointee shall be a resident of the
4 borough for which the borough president appointing him or her was
5 elected and shall be the parent of a child attending a public school
6 within the city school district of the city of New York. Each mayoral
7 appointee shall be a resident of the city and two shall be parents of a
8 child attending a public school within the city district. All parent
9 members shall be eligible to continue to serve on the [~~city board~~] panel
10 for educational policy for two years following the conclusion of their
11 child's attendance at a public school within the city district. Any
12 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the appropriate appointing
13 authority within ninety days of such vacancy. Notwithstanding any
14 provision of local law, the members of the [~~board~~] panel for educational
15 policy shall not have staff, offices, or vehicles assigned to them or
16 receive compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for the
17 actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of
18 their duties.

19 (b) The [~~city board~~] panel for educational policy shall hold at least
20 one regular public meeting per month. At least one regular public meet-
21 ing shall be held in each borough of the city of New York per year; any
22 additional meetings may be called at the request of the chairperson. The
23 [~~city board~~] panel for educational policy shall consider appropriate
24 public accommodations when selecting a venue so as to maximize partic-
25 ipation by parents and the community.

26 (c) (i) Notice of the time, place and agenda for all [~~city board~~]
27 panel for educational policy regular public meetings shall be publicly
28 provided, including via the [~~city board's~~] panel's official internet web
29 site, and specifically circulated to all community superintendents,
30 community district education councils, community boards, and school
31 based management teams, at least ten business days in advance of such
32 meeting.

33 (ii) A [~~city board~~] panel for educational policy regular public meet-
34 ing agenda shall be comprised of a list and brief description of the
35 subject matter being considered, identification of all items subject to
36 a [~~city board~~] panel for educational policy vote, and the name, office,
37 address, email address and telephone number of a city district represen-
38 tative, knowledgeable on the agenda, from whom any information may be
39 obtained and to whom written comments may be submitted concerning items
40 on such agenda.

41 (d) The chairperson of the [~~city board~~] panel for educational policy
42 shall ensure that at every regular public meeting there is a sufficient
43 period of time to allow for public comment on any topic on the agenda
44 prior to any [~~city board~~] panel for educational policy vote.

45 (e) Minutes of all [~~city board~~] panel for educational policy regular
46 public meetings shall be made publicly available, including via the
47 [~~city board's~~] panel's official internet website, in a timely manner but
48 no later than the subsequent regular [~~city board~~] panel for educational
49 policy meeting.

50 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however that the
51 amendments to subdivision 1 of section 2590-b of the education law made
52 by section two of this act shall not affect the expiration of such
53 subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.