

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 29, 2019

Introduced by Sens. GOUNARDES, COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on New York City Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring certain public schools in any city with a population over one million to offer food options which meet dietary restrictions of certain students

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 915-a  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 915-a. Food options. 1. In any city having over one million inhabit-  
4 ants, any public school that has twenty-five percent or more of students  
5 practicing a religious faith with specific dietary restrictions shall  
6 offer food options which meet such dietary restrictions at each meal  
7 offered.

8 2. Any school with fewer than twenty-five percent of students practic-  
9 ing a religious faith with specific dietary restrictions shall offer  
10 food options at each meal that meet such dietary restrictions upon any  
11 student's request and in sufficient amounts to meet the needs of any  
12 such students, but shall not otherwise be required to offer such food  
13 options.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
15 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
16 ment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for the imple-  
17 mentation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on  
18 or before such date.

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

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