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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 6, 2019

Introduced by Sen. HELMING -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the effectiveness of provisions relating to BOCES intermediate districts

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph a of subdivision 4 of section 1950 of the education law, as amended by chapter 698 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

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(2) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law in no event shall the total salary including amounts paid pursuant to section twenty-two hundred nine of this chapter for district superintendents [for each school year through the two thousand two-two thousand three school year exceed ninety-eight percent of that earned by the commissioner for state fiscal year nineteen hundred ninety-two--ninety-three, and in no 10 event shall such total salary for a district superintendent] for the two thousand [three] nineteen--two thousand [four] twenty school year or any subsequent school year exceed: (i) one hundred six percent of the salary 12 13 cap applicable in the preceding school year, or (ii) ninety-eight 14 percent of that earned by the commissioner in the two thousand [three] 15 <u>nineteen</u>--two thousand [<u>four</u>] <u>twenty</u> state fiscal year, whichever is less. In no event shall any district superintendent be permitted to accumulate vacation or sick leave credits in excess of the vacation and 17 sick leave credits managerial/confidential employees of the state are 18 permitted to accumulate pursuant to regulations promulgated by the state 19 20 civil service commission, nor may any district superintendent at the 21 time of separation from service be compensated for accrued and unused 22 vacation credits or sick leave, or use accrued and unused sick leave for 23 retirement service credit or to pay for health insurance in retirement, 24 at a rate in excess of the rate permitted to managerial/confidential 25 employees of the state pursuant to regulations of the state civil

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

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1 service commission. In addition to the payment of supplementary salary, a board of cooperative educational services may provide for the payment of all or a portion of the cost of insurance benefits for the district 3 superintendent of schools, including but not limited to health insurance, disability insurance, life insurance or any other form of insurance benefit made available to managerial/confidential employees of the 7 state; provided that any such payments for whole life, split dollar or other life insurance policies having a cash value shall be included in 9 the total salary of the district superintendent for purposes of this 10 subparagraph, and provided further that any payments for the employee 11 contribution, co-pay or uncovered medical expenses under a health insurance plan also shall be included in the total salary of the district 12 13 superintendent. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, payments 14 for such insurance benefits may be based on the district superinten-15 dent's total salary or the amount of his or her supplementary salary 16 only. Any payments for transportation or travel expenses in excess of 17 actual, documented expenses incurred in the performance of duties for the board of cooperative educational services or the state, and any 18 other lump sum payment not specifically excluded from total salary 19 20 pursuant to this subparagraph, shall be included in the total salary of 21 the district superintendent for purposes of this subparagraph. Nothing herein shall prohibit a district superintendent from waiving any rights 22 provided for in an existing contract or agreement as hereafter prohibit-23 24 ed in favor of revised compensation or benefit provisions as permitted 25 herein. In no event shall the terms of the district superintendent's contract, including any provisions relating to an increase in salary, compensation or other benefits, be contingent upon the terms of any 27 contract or collective bargaining agreement between the board of cooper-28 ative educational services and its teachers or other employees. The 29 30 commissioner may adopt regulations for the purpose of implementing the 31 provisions of this paragraph.

32 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.