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IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by Sen. BOYLE -- 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

AN ACT to validate certain acts of the Islip Union Free school district with regard to certain capital improvement projects

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds that the
2 Islip Union Free school district approved eight capital improvement
3 projects which are designated as project numbers 0003-12, 0011-007,
4 0011-008, 0003-013, 0007-009, 0007-010, 0007-012, and 0011-009. In
5 addition, the projects were eligible for certain state aid. The legisla-
6 ture further finds that due to ministerial error, the required filing of
7 the final cost reports for such projects were not made by such district
8 in a timely manner making the district ineligible for certain aid. The
9 legislature further finds that without such aid, the capital improvement
10 projects will impose an additional, unanticipated hardship on district
11 taxpayers.

12 § 2. All the acts done and proceedings heretofore had and taken or
13 caused to be had or taken by the Islip Union Free school district and by
14 all its officers or agents relating to or in connection with a certain
15 final cost report to be filed with the state education department for
16 project numbers 0003-12, 0011-007, 0011-008, 0003-013, 0007-009,
17 0007-010, 0007-012, and 0011-009, and all acts incidental thereto are
18 hereby legalized, validated, ratified and confirmed, notwithstanding any
19 failure to comply with the approval and filing provisions of the educa-
20 tion law or any other law or any other statutory authority, rule or
21 regulation, in relation to any omissions, error, defect, irregularity or
22 illegality in such proceedings had and taken, and provided further that

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

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1 any amount due and payable to the Islip Union Free school district for
2 school years prior to the 2015-2016 school year as a result of this act
3 shall be paid pursuant to the provisions of paragraph c of subdivision 5
4 of section 3604 of the education law.

5 § 3. Notwithstanding section 24-a of part A of chapter 57 of the laws
6 of 2013, and consistent with section one of this act, the commissioner
7 of education shall not recover from the Islip Union Free school district
8 any penalty arising from the late filing of a final cost report for an
9 approved capital construction project designated by the department of
10 education as project numbers 0003-12, 0011-007, 0011-008, 0003-013,
11 0007-009, 0007-010, 0007-012, and 0011-009 pursuant to section 31 of
12 part A of chapter 57 of the laws of 2012, provided that any amounts
13 already so recovered shall be deemed a payment of moneys due for prior
14 years pursuant to paragraph c of subdivision 5 of section 3604 of the
15 education law and shall be paid to the Islip Union Free school district
16 pursuant to such provision, provided that such school district:

17 (a) submitted the late or missing final building cost report to the
18 commissioner of education;

19 (b) such cost report is approved by the commissioner of education;

20 (c) all state funds expended by the school district, as documented in
21 such cost report, were properly expended for such building project in
22 accordance with the terms and conditions for such project as approved by
23 the commissioner of education; and

24 (d) the failure to submit such report in a timely manner was an inad-
25 vertent administrative or ministerial oversight by the school district,
26 and there is no evidence of any fraudulent or other improper intent by
27 such district.

28 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.