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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to increasing foundation aid to school districts located in a high wealth ratio county that meet five variables impacting academic success: free or reduced lunch, English language learners, wealth ratio, enrollment, and special education

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

Section 1. Section 3602 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 42 to read as follows:

42. Foundation aid to address school district funding inequity. Commencing with aid payable in the two thousand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three school year, the commissioner shall increase the amount of foundation aid, at a rate determined by the commissioner, for school districts that all of the following conditions and criteria apply:

a. a three-year average free and reduced price lunch percent greater than two-thirds or sixty-seven percent (0.67);

b. an English language learner count that totals above thirteen percent (0.13) of the entire school district population;

c. a combined wealth ratio greater than seven-tenths (0.7);

d. an increase in enrollment of at least two percent (0.02) since the two thousand fifteen--two thousand sixteen school year; and

e. a special education count that totals above eight percent (0.08) of the entire school district population.

Nothing in this subdivision shall reduce the amount of foundation aid to any school district in which this subdivision's conditions and criteria do not apply.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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