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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to apportioning aid for career education in certain schools

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

Section 1. The subdivision heading and paragraphs a and b of subdivision 10 of section 3602 of the education law, the subdivision heading and paragraph a as amended by section 32 of part H of chapter 83 of the laws of 2002, paragraph b as amended and such subdivision as renumbered by section 16 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2007, are amended to read as follows:

Special services aid for large city school districts and other school districts which were not components of a board of cooperative educational services in the base year **and any school district located in a city with a population between sixty-two thousand and sixty-five thousand or between sixty-seven thousand and seventy thousand as recorded in the two thousand ten census**. a. The city school districts of those cities having populations in excess of one hundred twenty-five thousand and any other school district which was not a component of a board of cooperative educational services in the base year shall be entitled to an apportionment under the provisions of this section. **Any school district located in a city with a population between sixty-two thousand and sixty-five thousand or between sixty-seven thousand and seventy thousand as recorded in the two thousand ten census shall be entitled to an apportionment under the provisions of paragraph b of this subdivision.**

b. Aid for career education. There shall be apportioned to such city school districts and other school districts which were not components of a board of cooperative educational services in the base year **and any school district located in a city with a population between sixty-two**

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

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thousand and sixty-five thousand or between sixty-seven thousand and seventy thousand as recorded in the two thousand ten census for pupils in grades ten through twelve in attendance in career education programs as such programs are defined by the commissioner, subject for the purposes of this paragraph to the approval of the director of the budget, an amount for each such pupil to be computed by multiplying the career education aid ratio by three thousand nine hundred dollars. Such aid will be payable for weighted pupils attending career education programs operated by the school district and**, for city school districts of those cities having populations in excess of one hundred twenty-five thousand and any other school district which was not a component of a board of cooperative educational services in the base year** for weighted pupils for whom such school district contracts with boards of cooperative educational services to attend career education programs operated by a board of cooperative educational services. Weighted pupils for the purposes of this paragraph shall mean the sum of the attendance of students in grades ten through twelve in career education sequences in trade, industrial, technical, agricultural or health programs plus the product of sixteen hundredths multiplied by the attendance of students in grades ten through twelve in career education sequences in business and marketing as defined by the commissioner in regulations. The career education aid ratio shall be computed by subtracting from one the product obtained by multiplying fifty-nine percent by the combined wealth ratio. This aid ratio shall be expressed as a decimal carried to three places without rounding, but not less than thirty-six percent.

Any school district that receives aid pursuant to this paragraph shall be required to use such amount to support career education programs in the current year.

A board of education which spends less than its local funds as defined by regulations of the commissioner for career education in the base year during the current year shall have its apportionment under this subdivision reduced in an amount equal to such deficiency in the current or a succeeding school year, provided however that the commissioner may waive such reduction upon determination that overall expenditures per pupil in support of career education programs were continued at a level equal to or greater than the level of such overall expenditures per pupil in the preceding school year.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the calculation of aid for career education payable in the 2021-2022 school year and years thereafter.