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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. DiPIETRO, BRABENEC, SCHMITT, MANKTELOW, ASHBY, HAWLEY, SALKA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the suspension of laws during a declared state of emergency; and permitting schools to open to students under certain guidelines

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 29-a of the executive law, as 2 amended by chapter 23 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as

- 4. The legislature may terminate by concurrent resolution any executive [orders or may modify or amend by concurrent resolution any specific provision or directive contained within any executive order issued under this section at any time.
- § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 29-a of the executive law, as added by chapter 640 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

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- 4. The legislature may terminate by concurrent resolution any executive [orders] order, or may modify or amend by concurrent resolution any 12 specific provision or directive contained within any executive order issued under this section at any time.
- § 3. Notwithstanding any provision or directive contained in executive 15 order number 202 of 2020 or any further amendments, modifications or extensions pursuant to section 28 of the executive law, school districts 16 or school buildings within such districts, including community school 17 18 districts, shall be permitted to open to students for in-person instruc-19 tion if such school district can accommodate students in classrooms or 20 other space provided for instruction such that students can maintain a 21 distance of at least three feet from others at all times; provided that 22 such school districts are otherwise in compliance with all other appli-

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

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1 cable provisions of such executive order 202 not related to social distancing.

§ 4. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part 4 of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid and after exhaustion of all further judicial review, the judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-10 11 ments to subdivision 4 of section 29-a of the executive law made by 12 section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion 13 of such section pursuant to chapter 23 of the laws of 2020, as amended, 14 when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take 15 effect.