STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 26, 2021

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 in relation to requiring school districts to provide educational and support services to students with disabilities until such students turn twenty-three years of age

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, in recognition of the difficulties distance learning during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic poses to students with disabilities, and the educational opportunities for students with disabilities that were lost or hampered, each New York school district shall provide educational and support services to students with disabilities in special education programs and to pupils who are qualified handicapped persons as defined in the federal rehabilitation act of nineteen hundred seventy-three, as amended, in accordance with the student's most recent Individualized Education Program (IEP) until such student turns twenty-three years of age for the school years 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years only.

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

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