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Introduced by Sens. JACKSON, COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed,
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Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to mayoral control of the
city school district of the city of New York

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraphs 1 and 8 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of
2 section 2590-b of the education law, as amended by section 43-b of part
3 YYY of chapter 59 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) (A) Such board of education shall consist of thirteen appointed
5 members: one member to be appointed by each borough president of the
6 city of New York; four by the city council, one of whom shall be a
7 representative of a college or university, one of whom shall be a member
8 of parent organizations and one of whom shall be a member of a community
9 district education council; and [~~eight~~] four members to be appointed by
10 the mayor of the city of New York.

11 (B) Commencing on July first, two thousand twenty, the board of educa-
12 tion shall consist of fifteen members: one member to be appointed by
13 each borough president of the city of New York, one member to be elected
14 by community district education council presidents, four by the city
15 council, one of whom shall be a representative of a college or universi-
16 ty, and one of whom shall be a member of parent organizations; and
17 [~~nine~~] five members to be appointed by the mayor of the city of New
18 York. On or before December thirty-first, two thousand nineteen, the
19 chancellor shall promulgate regulations establishing a process for
20 community district education council presidents to elect a member of the
21 board, and processes for removal of such member and for the filling of
22 such position in the event of a vacancy. The first member elected by
23 community district education council presidents pursuant to such regu-
24 lations shall take office on July first, two thousand twenty and shall

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

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1 serve a term that ends on June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-two.
2 Thereafter, the member elected by community district education council
3 presidents shall serve for a two year term commencing on July first.

4 (8) Each mayoral appointee shall be a resident of the city and [~~two~~]
5 one shall be [~~parents~~] a parent of a child attending a public school
6 within the city district.

7 § 2. The opening paragraph of section 2590-h of the education law, as
8 amended by section 43-d of part YYY of chapter 59 of the laws of 2019,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 The office of chancellor of the city district is hereby continued.
11 Such chancellor shall serve at the pleasure of and be employed by the
12 [~~mayer~~] city board of the city of New York by contract. The chancellor
13 shall meet the requirements of subdivision one of section three thousand
14 three of this chapter, provided that a person who has been issued a
15 certificate as superintendent of schools pursuant to subdivision three
16 of such section may serve as chancellor on the basis of such certificate
17 for no longer than six months. The length of such contract shall not
18 exceed by more than two years the term of office of the [~~mayer~~] city
19 board authorizing such contract. The chancellor shall receive a salary
20 to be fixed by the [~~mayer~~] city board within the budgetary allocation
21 therefor. He or she shall exercise all his or her powers and duties in a
22 manner not inconsistent with the city-wide educational policies of the
23 city board. The chancellor shall have the following powers and duties as
24 the superintendent of schools and chief executive officer for the city
25 district, which the chancellor shall exercise to promote an equal educa-
26 tional opportunity for all students in the schools of the city district,
27 promote fiscal and educational equity, increase student achievement and
28 school performance and encourage local school-based innovation, includ-
29 ing the power and duty to:

30 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
31 have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision
32 1 of section 2590-b and the opening paragraph of section 2590-h of the
33 education law made by sections one and two of this act shall not affect
34 the expiration of such provisions and shall be deemed to expire there-
35 with.