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Introduced by Sens. MAYER, BROOKS, GAUGHRAN, HARCKHAM, JACKSON, LIU, MANNION, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to special act school districts and special education

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

1 Section 1. Section 4004 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

3 5. The board of education of a special act school district shall be
4 authorized to establish a fiscal stabilization reserve fund. There may
5 be paid into such fund an amount as may be provided pursuant to the
6 requirements of paragraph k of subdivision four of section forty-four
7 hundred five of this title.

8 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 4405 of the education law is amended by
9 adding a new paragraph k to read as follows:

10 k. The tuition methodology established pursuant to this subdivision
11 for the two thousand twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two school year and
12 annually thereafter shall authorize approved private residential or
13 non-residential schools for the education of students with disabilities
14 that are located within the state, and special act school districts, to
15 retain funds in excess of their allowable and reimbursable costs
16 incurred for services and programs provided to school-age students. The
17 amount of funds that may be annually retained shall not exceed one
18 percent of the school's or school district's total allowable and reim-
19 bursable costs for services and programs provided to school-age students

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

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1 for the school year from which the funds are to be retained; provided
2 that the total accumulated balance that may be retained shall not exceed
3 four percent of such total costs for such school year; and provided
4 further that such funds shall not be recoverable on reconciliation.
5 Funds may be expended only pursuant to an authorization of the governing
6 board of the school or school district, for a purpose expressly author-
7 ized as part of the approved tuition methodology for the year in which
8 the funds are to be expended. The director of the budget, in consulta-
9 tion with the commissioner, shall establish the authorized uses for the
10 expenditures of such funds as part of the approved tuition methodology.
11 Any school or school district that retains funds pursuant to this para-
12 graph shall be required to annually report a statement of the total
13 balance of any such retained funds, the amount, if any, retained in the
14 prior school year, the amount, if any, disbursed in the prior school
15 year, and any additional information requested by the department as part
16 of the financial reports that are required to be annually submitted to
17 the department.

18 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.