STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing providing transportation services due to safety concerns within certain school districts

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph h to read as follows:

h. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any city school district in a city with a population of more than ninety thousand but less than three hundred thousand, pursuant to adoption of a resolution by the board of education setting forth a plan, and approval of such plan by the commissioner, may provide transportation services for children residing within the district attending pre-kindergarten through grade eight who live one-half mile or more from the school they legally attend if such transportation is deemed necessary pursuant to a determination by the commissioner due to safety concerns. Such transportation services shall be restricted to transportation to and from children's homes or before or after-school child care locations and, if offered, shall be provided for each student up to a distance of fifteen miles. Transportation pursuant to this paragraph shall be offered equally to all children in like circumstances residing in the district. For the purpose of computing approved transportation expenses for transportation aid, expenses for transportation provided pursuant to this paragraph shall be included.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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