

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 5, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the Island Park LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3654  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 3654. Island Park LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve  
4 fund. 1. Definitions. As used in this section:

5 (a) "Board of education" or "board" shall mean the board of education  
6 of the Island Park union free school district.

7 (b) "Island Park LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve  
8 fund" or "fund" shall mean the Island Park LIPA power plant tax assess-  
9 ment challenge reserve fund established pursuant to this section.

10 (c) "School district" or "district" shall mean the Island Park  
11 union free school district.

12 2. The board of education is hereby authorized to establish an Island  
13 Park LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund to reserve  
14 against, or lessen or prevent increases in the school district's real  
15 property tax levy and/or tax rate resulting from decreases in revenue or  
16 taxes or a significant shift in tax liability due to a tax certiorari  
17 settlement or judgment provided, however, that no such fund shall be  
18 established unless approved by a majority vote of the voters present and  
19 voting on a separate ballot proposition therefor at either a special  
20 district meeting which the board of education may call for such purpose  
21 or at the annual district meeting and election, to be noticed and  
22 conducted in either case in accordance with article forty-one of this  
23 chapter. Such separate proposition shall set forth the maximum allowable  
24 balance to be deposited and held in the Island Park LIPA power plant tax  
25 assessment challenge reserve fund. Moneys shall be paid into and with-  
26 drawn from the fund and the fund shall be administered as follows:

27 (a) The board of education is hereby authorized to receive payments  
28 into its Island Park LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve

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

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1 fund from any available funds or sources of revenue, including any  
2 surplus from an existing reserve fund.

3 (b) Moneys may be withdrawn from the Island Park LIPA power plant  
4 tax assessment challenge reserve fund by resolution of the board for any  
5 fiscal year, to be expended for any lawful purpose, to lessen or  
6 prevent increases in the district's tax levy. Withdrawals from the fund  
7 shall be disclosed in a manner consistent with the required  
8 disclosures of similar reserve funds held by the district, including  
9 disclosures required by the property tax report card prepared by the  
10 district pursuant to the provisions of subdivision seven of  
11 section seventeen hundred sixteen of this chapter.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.