STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. FALL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring certain public schools to provide Halal food during lunch

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 915-a to read as follows:

§ 915-a. Halal food restrictions. 1. In any city or county in this state, including a city having a population of one million or more, each public school shall provide Halal food to any student who has such a dietary restriction or requirement at no cost to such student.

2. This section shall only apply to a city school district having a Muslim population equal to or greater than fifteen percent thereof. The Muslim population, for purposes of this section, shall include those persons, adults and children, who are fully or partially of Muslim descent and shall include all those persons and ethnic groups identified as Muslim by the United States census bureau for purposes of the year two thousand ten federal decennial census.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such date.

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

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