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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to universal pre-kindergarten school bus transportation

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

Section 1. Paragraph g of subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the education law, as added by chapter 244 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

g. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the trustees or board of education of any school district may, in its discretion, provide transportation for students attending a universal pre-kindergarten program in addition to transportation funded by such program or transportation for students attending another district sponsored or district-run pre-kindergarten program, within mileage limits established by the school district; if provided such transportation shall be offered equally to all children in like circumstances residing in the district. The cost of providing such transportation shall be a charge upon the district [~~and~~]**; provided that** for purposes of subdivision seven of section thirty-six hundred two of this [~~chapter~~] **article**, such pupils shall be considered [~~non~~] allowable pupils and the costs of their transportation shall [~~not~~] be aidable.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the 2025--2026 school year and all school years commencing thereafter.

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

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