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Introduced by Sens. GOUNARDES, COMRIE, LIU, PERSAUD, STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on New York City Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring certain public schools in any city with a population over one million to offer food options which meet dietary restrictions of certain students

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. Food options. 1. In any city having over one million inhabitants, any public school that has twenty-five percent or more of students practicing a religious faith with specific dietary restrictions shall offer food options which meet such dietary restrictions at each meal offered.

2. Any public school in a city with a population of one million or more with fewer than twenty-five percent of students practicing a religious faith with specific dietary restrictions shall offer food options at each meal that meet such dietary restrictions upon any student's request and in sufficient amounts to meet the needs of any such students, but shall not otherwise be required to offer such food options.

§ 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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