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Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- 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 the universal full-day pre-kindergarten program; and to repeal subdivision 4 of section 3602-ee of such law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 3602-ee of the education law is REPEALED.

§ 2. Subdivisions 1 and 5 of section 3602-ee of the education law, as added by section 1 of part CC of chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read as follows:

1. The purpose of the universal full-day pre-kindergarten program is to incentivize and fund state-of-the-art innovative pre-kindergarten programs [~~and to encourage program creativity through competition~~].

5. The department shall develop a scoring system, which it shall use to evaluate which applications shall be funded [~~on a competitive basis~~] based on merit and factors including but not limited to the criteria listed above and student and community need. [~~Upon review of applications, if the program is oversubscribed in any region or regions of the state, the department shall notify the division of the budget, which shall develop a plan for distribution of available slots within any oversubscribed region.~~] The subscription for the New York city region is three hundred million dollars. **The subscription for each region of the state other than the New York city region shall be in an amount sufficient to provide slots for all qualifying programs.** The department shall allocate full-day pre-kindergarten conversion slots and new full-day pre-kindergarten slots based on available funding and shall make payments upon documentation of eligible expenditures in the base year,

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

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which shall be limited to the actual number of slots operated and paid on a per-pupil basis pursuant to subdivision fourteen of this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.