

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on New York City Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to metered in funding for rental assistance for all New York city charter students

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 3 of section 2853 of the  
2 education law, as added by section 5 of part BB of chapter 56 of the  
3 laws of 2014, subparagraphs 5 and 6 as amended by section 11 of part A  
4 of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, and clause (B) of subparagraph 5 as  
5 amended by section 5 of part YY of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (e) In a city school district in a city having a population of one  
8 million or more inhabitants, charter schools that [~~first commence~~  
9 ~~instruction or that require additional space due to an expansion of~~  
10 ~~grade level, pursuant to this article, approved by their charter entity~~  
11 ~~for the two thousand fourteen two thousand fifteen school year or ther-~~  
12 ~~eafter and~~] request co-location in a public school building shall be  
13 provided access to facilities pursuant to this paragraph for such char-  
14 ter schools that first commence instruction or that require additional  
15 space due to an expansion of grade level, pursuant to this article,  
16 approved by their charter entity for those grades newly provided.

17 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, within  
18 the later of (i) five months after a charter school's written request  
19 for co-location and (ii) thirty days after the charter school's charter  
20 is approved by its charter entity, the city school district shall  
21 either: (A) offer at no cost to the charter school a co-location site in  
22 a public school building approved by the board of education as provided  
23 by law, or (B) offer the charter school space in a privately owned or  
24 other publicly owned facility at the expense of the city school district  
25 and at no cost to the charter school. The space must be reasonable,

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

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1 appropriate and comparable and in the community school district to be  
2 served by the charter school and otherwise in reasonable proximity.

3 (2) No later than thirty days after approval by the board of education  
4 or expiration of the offer period prescribed in subparagraph one of this  
5 paragraph, the charter school shall either accept the city school  
6 district's offer or appeal in accordance with subparagraph three of this  
7 paragraph. If no appeal is taken, the city's offer or refusal to make an  
8 offer shall be final and non-reviewable. The charter school may appeal  
9 as early as issuance of an educational impact statement for the proposed  
10 co-location.

11 (3) The charter school shall have the option of appealing the city  
12 school district's offer or failure to offer a co-location site through  
13 binding arbitration in accordance with subparagraph seven of this para-  
14 graph, an expedited appeal to the commissioner pursuant to section three  
15 hundred ten of this chapter and the procedures prescribed in paragraph  
16 (a-5) of this subdivision, or a special proceeding pursuant to article  
17 seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules. In any such appeal,  
18 the standard of review shall be the standard prescribed in section  
19 seventy-eight hundred three of the civil practice law and rules.

20 (4) If the appeal results in a determination in favor of the city  
21 school district, the city's offer shall be final and the charter school  
22 may either accept such offer and move into the space offered by the city  
23 school district at the city school district's expense, or locate in  
24 another site at the charter school's expense.

25 ~~(5) [For a new charter school whose charter is granted or for an~~  
26 ~~existing charter school whose expansion of grade level, pursuant to this~~  
27 ~~article, is approved by their charter entity, if] If the appeal results~~  
28 in a determination in favor of the charter school, the city school  
29 district shall pay the charter school an amount ~~[attributable to the~~  
30 ~~grade level expansion or the formation of the new charter school]~~ that  
31 is equal to the lesser of:

32 (A) the actual rental cost of an alternative privately owned site  
33 selected by the charter school or

34 (B) thirty percent of the product of the charter school's basic  
35 tuition for the current school year and ~~[(i) for a new charter school~~  
36 ~~that first commences instruction on or after July first, two thousand~~  
37 ~~fourteen,]~~ the charter school's current year enrollment~~[, or (ii) for a~~  
38 ~~charter school which expands its grade level, pursuant to this article,~~  
39 ~~the positive difference of the charter school's enrollment in the~~  
40 ~~current school year minus the charter school's enrollment in the school~~  
41 ~~year prior to the first year of the expansion].~~

42 (5-a) For charter schools that were operating schools or grade levels  
43 prior to the two thousand fourteen--two thousand fifteen school year and  
44 are now eligible for funding pursuant to subparagraph five of this  
45 subdivision, funding will be provided on the following schedule such  
46 that these charter schools will be eligible to receive full funding  
47 pursuant to subparagraph five of this paragraph in the two thousand  
48 twenty-eight--two thousand twenty-nine school year and thereafter. In  
49 the two thousand twenty-four--two thousand twenty-five school year, the  
50 city school district shall pay the charter school twenty percent of the  
51 amount owed to the school under subparagraph five of this paragraph. In  
52 the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year, the  
53 city school district shall pay the charter school forty percent of the  
54 amount owed to the school under subparagraph five of this paragraph. In  
55 the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven school year, the  
56 city school district shall pay the charter school sixty percent of the

1 amount owed to the school under subparagraph five of this paragraph. In  
2 the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year,  
3 the city school district shall pay the charter school eighty percent of  
4 the amount owed to the school under subparagraph five of this paragraph.  
5 In the two thousand twenty-eight--two thousand twenty-nine school year,  
6 the city school district shall pay the charter school one hundred  
7 percent of the amount owed to the school under subparagraph five of this  
8 paragraph.

9 (6) An arbitration in an appeal pursuant to this paragraph shall be  
10 conducted by a single arbitrator selected in accordance with this  
11 subparagraph from a list of arbitrators from the American arbitration  
12 association's panel of labor arbitrators, with relevant biographical  
13 information, submitted by such association to the commissioner pursuant  
14 to paragraph a of subdivision three of section three thousand twenty-a  
15 of this chapter. Upon request by the charter school, the commissioner  
16 shall forthwith send a copy of such list and biographical information  
17 simultaneously to the charter school and city school district. The  
18 parties shall, by mutual agreement, select an arbitrator from the list  
19 within fifteen days from receipt of the list, and if the parties fail to  
20 agree on an arbitrator within such fifteen day period or fail within  
21 such fifteen day period to notify the commissioner that an arbitrator  
22 has been selected, the commissioner shall appoint an arbitrator from the  
23 list to serve as the arbitrator. The arbitration shall be conducted in  
24 accordance with the American arbitration association's rules for labor  
25 arbitration, except that the arbitrator shall conduct a pre-hearing  
26 conference within ten to fifteen days of agreeing to serve and the arbi-  
27 tration shall be completed and a decision rendered within the time  
28 frames prescribed for hearings pursuant to section three thousand twen-  
29 ty-a of this chapter. The arbitrator's fee shall not exceed the rate  
30 established by the commissioner for hearings conducted pursuant to  
31 section three thousand twenty-a of this chapter, and the cost of such  
32 fee, the arbitrator's necessary travel and other reasonable expenses,  
33 and all other hearing expenses shall be borne equally by the parties to  
34 the arbitration.

35 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.