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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating a city-wide council for district seventy-five

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 2590-b of the education law is amended by adding a 2 new subdivision 9 to read as follows:
- 9. (a) There shall be a city-wide council for district seventy-five created pursuant to this section. The city-wide council for district seventy-five shall consist of eleven voting members and one non-voting member, as follows:
- 7 (i) nine voting members who shall be parents of students receiving
  8 city-wide special education services in district seventy-five to be
  9 selected by parents of students who receive such services pursuant to a
  10 representative process developed by the chancellor. Such members shall
  11 serve a two year term;
- (ii) two voting members appointed by the public advocate of the city
  of New York, who shall be individuals with extensive experience and
  knowledge in the areas of educating, training or employing individuals
  with handicapping conditions and will make a significant contribution to
  improving special education in the city district. Such members shall
  serve a two year term; and
- 18 (iii) one non-voting member who is a high school senior within
  19 district seventy-five appointed by the administrator designated by the
  20 chancellor to supervise special education programs. Such member shall
  21 serve a one year term.
- 22 (b) The city-wide council for district seventy-five shall have the 23 power to:
- 24 <u>(i) advise and comment on any educational or instructional policy</u> 25 <u>involving the provision of district seventy-five services;</u>

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

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(ii) issue an annual report on the effectiveness of the city district in providing services to district seventy-five students and making recommendations, as appropriate, on how to improve the efficiency and delivery of such services; and

- (iii) hold at least one meeting per month open to the public and during which the public may discuss issues facing district seventy-five students.
- 8 (c) Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term by the city-wide
  9 council for district seventy-five, pursuant to a process developed by
  10 the chancellor that shall include consultation with district seventy11 five parents; provided however, that where a vacancy occurs in a posi12 tion appointed by the public advocate, the public advocate shall appoint
  13 a member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that 15 the amendments to section 2590-b of the education law made by section 16 one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section and 17 shall be deemed repealed therewith.