STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES, LUNSFORD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the financing of charter schools

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 2856 of the 2 education law, as amended by section 36-c of part A of chapter 56 of the 3 laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4 (d) School districts shall be eligible for an annual apportionment 5 equal to the amount of the supplemental basic tuition for the charter school in the base year for the expenses incurred in the two thousand б fourteen--two thousand fifteen, two thousand fifteen--two thousand 7 8 sixteen, two thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen school years and 9 thereafter, provided however, that for any school district having a population of less than one million, such payment shall be made in the 10 11 current year for expenses incurred in the two thousand twenty-three--two 12 thousand twenty-four school year and thereafter. Provided further, that 13 for expenses incurred in the two thousand twenty--two thousand twenty-14 one school year, for a city school district in a city having a popu-15 lation of one million or more, the annual apportionment shall be reduced 16 by thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) upon certification by the director of the budget of the availability of a grant in the same amount 17 from the elementary and secondary school emergency relief funds provided 18 through the American rescue plan act of 2021. 19

20 § 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 2856 of the education 21 law, as amended by section 36-d of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 22 2021, is amended to read as follows:

23 (c) School districts shall be eligible for an annual apportionment 24 equal to the amount of the supplemental basic tuition for the charter 25 school in the base year for the expenses incurred in the two thousand

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

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33 of section two of this act shall take effect.