

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 6, 2023

Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- 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 universal pre-kindergarten school bus transportation

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph g of subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the educa-
2 tion law, as added by chapter 244 of the laws of 2012, is amended to
3 read as follows:
4 g. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
5 trustees or board of education of any school district may, in its
6 discretion, provide transportation for students attending a universal
7 pre-kindergarten program in addition to transportation funded by such
8 program or transportation for students attending another district spon-
9 sored or district-run pre-kindergarten program, within mileage limits
10 established by the school district; if provided such transportation
11 shall be offered equally to all children in like circumstances residing
12 in the district. The cost of providing such transportation shall be a
13 charge upon the district [~~and~~]; provided that for purposes of subdivi-
14 sion seven of section thirty-six hundred two of this [~~chapter~~] article,
15 such pupils shall be considered [~~non~~] allowable pupils and the costs of
16 their transportation shall [~~not~~] be aidable.
17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the
18 2025--2026 school year and all school years commencing thereafter.

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

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