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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 establishing a school safety spending exclusion from annual tax levy limits

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph i of subdivision 2 of section 2023-a of the
2 education law, as added by section 2 of part A of chapter 97 of the laws
3 of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

4 i. "Tax levy limit" means the amount of taxes a school district is
5 authorized to levy pursuant to this section, provided, however, that the
6 tax levy limit shall not include the following:

7 (i) a tax levy necessary for expenditures resulting from court orders
8 or judgments against the school district arising out of tort actions for
9 any amount that exceeds five percent of the total tax levied in the
10 prior school year;

11 (ii) in years in which the system average actuarial contribution rate
12 of the New York state and local employees' retirement system, as defined
13 by paragraph ten of subdivision a of section nineteen-a of the retire-
14 ment and social security law, increases by more than two percentage
15 points from the previous year, a tax levy necessary for expenditures for
16 the coming fiscal year for school district employer contributions to the
17 New York state and local employees' retirement system caused by growth
18 in the system average actuarial contribution rate minus two percentage
19 points;

20 (iii) in years in which the normal contribution rate of the New York
21 state teachers' retirement system, as defined by paragraph a of subdivi-
22 sion two of section five hundred seventeen of this chapter, increases by
23 more than two percentage points from the previous year, a tax levy
24 necessary for expenditures for the coming fiscal year for school
25 district employer contributions to the New York state teachers' retire-
26 ment system caused by growth in the normal contribution rate minus two
27 percentage points; [~~and~~]

28 (iv) a capital tax levy[~~-~~]; and

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

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1 (v) a tax levy for expenditures related to school safety. For the
2 purposes of this subparagraph, "expenditures related to school safety"
3 shall include costs, including labor costs, incurred as a result of, or
4 directly related to: improving district wide emergency response plans,
5 training staff and/or students on school safety and/or conflict medi-
6 ation, installing and maintaining safety technology and software at
7 entrances and throughout school buildings, hiring school resource offi-
8 cers, acquiring emergency medical equipment, installing fencing around
9 the perimeter of school grounds, installing bulletproof doors and
10 windows, acquiring and maintaining technology for expedited notification
11 of local law enforcement during an emergency, and designing school
12 grounds and structures to implement Crime Prevention Through Environ-
13 mental Design principles.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to taxes
15 levied by or on behalf of school districts for school years commencing
16 on and after such effective date.