

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 6, 2024

Introduced by Sen. PERSAUD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on New York City Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a New York city grant program for laundry equipment or facilities in certain schools

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3641-c  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 3641-c. New York city pilot grant program for laundry equipment or  
4 facilities. The chancellor of the New York city department of education  
5 shall establish a pilot program of competitively awarded grants within  
6 the amount appropriated for such purpose, to public schools serving  
7 grades kindergarten through twelve, which are eligible for support  
8 provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
9 1965, for the purposes of installing laundry equipment for facilities  
10 for use by students and parents or guardians of students. When awarding  
11 such grants, preference shall be given to schools with significant  
12 percentages of students who reside in emergency housing and/or who expe-  
13 rience frequent absenteeism due to a lack of clean clothing.

14 § 2. Eighteen months after the effective date of this act, the chan-  
15 cellor shall submit a report on the New York city pilot grant program  
16 for laundry equipment or facilities to the governor, the temporary pres-  
17 ident of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the  
18 senate education committee, and the chair of the assembly education  
19 committee, as well as make the report available on its website. The  
20 report shall include, but is not limited to: (a) the number of schools  
21 that were awarded funds; (b) the number of schools that applied for  
22 pilot grant but were not awarded funds; (c) the number of students at  
23 each school that were awarded pilot grant funds; (d) the number of  
24 students at each school that applied for the pilot grant program but  
25 were not awarded funding; and (e) absenteeism and attendance results of  
26 schools that installed laundry equipment compared to previous years.

27 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
28 the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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