

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

March 13, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to reimbursement for grants and aid for nonpublic school children and the hiring of teachers

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

1 Section 1. Section 553 of the education law, as added by chapter 414  
2 of the laws of 1972, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 553. Installments. The amount to be apportioned to a qualifying  
4 school in any current year shall be paid in two equal installments, the  
5 first to be made on or before January fifteenth and the other not later  
6 than June fifteenth of such year, except that for the school year  
7 commencing July first, nineteen hundred seventy-one such apportionment  
8 shall be made in one payment on or before June fifteenth, nineteen  
9 hundred seventy-two. The commissioner may provide for later payments  
10 for the purpose of adjusting and correcting apportionments. The amount  
11 to be apportioned to a qualifying school shall be payable on order and  
12 warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the  
13 commissioner in the manner provided by law. Notwithstanding any incon-  
14 sistent provision of law, any reimbursement payable pursuant to this  
15 section shall be paid within twelve months of the department's receipt  
16 of a complete application for such aid.

17 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 3037 of the education law is amended by  
18 adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

19 (d) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, any reimburse-  
20 ment payable pursuant to this section shall be paid within twelve months  
21 of the department's receipt of a complete application for such grant.

22 § 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3037-a to  
23 read as follows:

24 § 3037-a. Arts and music teacher grants for nonpublic schools.  
25 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, any reimbursement  
26 payable to a nonpublic school for arts and music teacher grants adminis-  
27 tered by the commissioner shall be paid within twelve months of the  
28 department's receipt of a complete application for such grant.

29 § 4. This act shall take effect April 1, 2027.

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

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