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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BERGER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to reimbursement for grants for the hiring of teachers, arts and music teacher grants and nonpublic school safety equipment grants

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 3037 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

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

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding three new sections 3037-a, 3037-b and 3037-c to read as follows:

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

§ 3037-b. Nonpublic school safety equipment grants for nonpublic schools. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, any reimbursement payable to a nonpublic school for nonpublic school safety equipment grants administered by the commissioner shall be paid within twelve months of the department's receipt of a complete application for such grant.

§ 3037-c. Mandatory quarterly reporting for unpaid grants to nonpublic schools. The commissioner, in conjunction with the office of religious and independent schools, shall report upon any reimbursements payable pursuant to sections three thousand thirty-seven, three thousand thirty-seven-a, and three thousand thirty-seven-b of this article that have not been paid within twelve months of the department's receipt of a

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

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complete application for such grant. Such reports shall include, but not be limited to the following information: the name of the school that has not been reimbursed, the current outstanding reimbursement amount, the grant type subject to reimbursement, and the original date on which the department received a complete application for such grant. Such reports shall be delivered to the governor, the comptroller, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate education committee, and the chair of the assembly education committee within thirty business days following the last day of each calendar quarter.

§ 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 2027.