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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, RAMOS, HEVESI, COOK, LUPARDO -- read once
and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to full day kindergarten

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1712 of the education law is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The board of education of each school district [~~may~~] shall maintain
4 kindergartens which shall be free to resident children between the ages
5 of four and six years, provided, however, such board may fix a higher
6 minimum age for admission to such kindergartens. In the two thousand
7 twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year and thereafter, all
8 such kindergartens shall be operated on a full-time basis.

9 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2514 of the education law, as added by
10 chapter 762 of the laws of 1950, is amended to read as follows:

11 1. The board of education of each city school district [~~may~~] shall
12 maintain kindergartens which shall be free to resident children between
13 the ages of four and six years, provided, however, such board may fix a
14 higher minimum age for admission to such kindergartens. In the two
15 thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year and there-
16 after, all such kindergartens shall be operated on a full-time basis.

17 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 2555 of the education law, such section
18 as renumbered by chapter 762 of the laws of 1950, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 1. The board of education of each city [~~may~~] shall maintain kindergar-
21 tens which shall be free to resident children between the ages of four
22 and six years, provided, however, such board may fix a higher minimum
23 age for admission to such kindergartens. In the two thousand twenty-
24 seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year and thereafter, all such
25 kindergartens shall be operated on a full-time basis.

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

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1 § 4. The opening paragraph of subdivision 9 of section 3602 of the
2 education law, as amended by section 9 of part A of chapter 57 of the
3 laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

4 School districts may make available full day kindergarten programs for
5 all children wishing to attend such programs, and, commencing with the
6 two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year, shall
7 make full day kindergarten programs available to all children.

8 § 5. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
9 the date on which it shall have become a law.