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Introduced by M. of A. CUNNINGHAM, CHANDLER-WATERMAN, DE LOS SANTOS, JACKSON, SMULLEN, BEEPHAN, ALVAREZ, GIBBS, BENDETT, TAYLOR -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the "New York city Caribbean steel pan educational music program act"

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "New York city Caribbean steel pan educational music program act".

3 § 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 414 of the education
4 law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (c) For holding social, civic and recreational meetings and enter-
7 tainments, and other uses pertaining to the welfare of the community;
8 but such meetings, entertainment and uses shall be non-exclusive and
9 shall be open to the general public; provided, however, community school
10 boards in the city of New York shall, where reasonable, authorize the
11 use of school grounds during the summer months for use by any steel pan
12 music organization to practice for the Labor Day Parade (West Indian
13 Carnival), consistent with subdivision twenty-seven of section twenty-
14 five hundred ninety-h of this chapter. Civic meetings shall include, but
15 not be limited to, meetings of parent associations and parent-teacher
16 associations.

17 § 3. Subdivision 27 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended
18 by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

19 27. Promulgate regulations, in conjunction with each community super-
20 intendent, establishing a plan for providing access to school facilities
21 in each community school district, when not in use for school purposes,
22 in accordance with the provisions of section four hundred fourteen of
23 this chapter. Such plan shall include access to school grounds during

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

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1 the summer months for cultural organizations to practice for cultural
2 events, including but not limited to steel pan music organizations to
3 practice for the Labor Day Parade (West Indian Carnival). Such plan
4 shall set forth a reasonable system of fees not to exceed the actual
5 costs and specify that no part of any fee shall directly or indirectly
6 benefit or be deposited into an account which inures to the benefit of
7 the custodians or custodial engineers.

8 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
9 have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to section
10 2590-h of the education law made by section three of this act shall not
11 affect the expiration of such section and shall be deemed repealed ther-
12 ewith. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of
13 any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on
14 its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before
15 such date.