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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as school holidays

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 3604 of the education law, as  
2 amended by chapter 359 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4 8. No school shall be in session on a Saturday, the first day of the  
5 second lunar month after the winter solstice in the preceding calendar  
6 year known as Asian Lunar New Year, the holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid  
7 al-Adha, as affixed by Muslim religious law and tradition, or a legal  
8 holiday, except general election day, Washington's birthday and  
9 Lincoln's birthday, and except that driver education classes may be  
10 conducted on a Saturday. A deficiency not exceeding four days during any  
11 school year caused by teachers' attendance upon conferences held by  
12 superintendents of schools of city school districts or other school  
13 districts employing superintendents of schools shall be excused by the  
14 commissioner, notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation  
15 to the contrary, a school district may elect to schedule such conference  
16 days in the last two weeks of August, subject to collective bargaining  
17 requirements pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law, and  
18 such days shall be counted towards the required one hundred eighty days  
19 of session, provided however, that such scheduling shall not alter the  
20 obligation of the school district to provide transportation to students

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

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1 in non-public elementary and secondary schools or charter schools. At  
2 least two such conference days during such school year shall be dedi-  
3 cated to staff attendance upon conferences providing staff development  
4 relating to implementation of the new high learning standards and  
5 assessments, as adopted by the board of regents. Notwithstanding any  
6 other provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, school  
7 districts may elect to use one or more of such allowable conference days  
8 in units of not less than one hour each to provide staff development  
9 activities relating to implementation of the new high learning standards  
10 and assessments. A district making such election may provide such staff  
11 development on any day during which sessions are allowed and apply such  
12 units to satisfy a deficiency in the length of one or more daily  
13 sessions of instruction for pupils as specified in regulations of the  
14 commissioner. The commissioner shall assure that such conference days  
15 include appropriate school violence prevention and intervention train-  
16 ing, and may require that up to one such conference day be dedicated for  
17 such purpose.

18 § 2. Subdivision 2-a of section 3635 of the education law, as sepa-  
19 rately amended by chapters 359 and 629 of the laws of 2023, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 2-a. The superintendent of each city school district, in a city having  
22 a population in excess of one million, shall prepare a public school  
23 calendar and shall notify officials of nonpublic schools to which trans-  
24 portation has been requested not later than the first day of June in  
25 each year, of the days on which the public schools will be in session in  
26 the following school year. Such school district which provides transpor-  
27 tation to nonpublic schools shall provide such transportation for the  
28 same number of days as the public schools are open but shall not provide  
29 transportation services for more than one hundred eighty days. Offi-  
30 cials of each nonpublic school to which transportation is provided by a  
31 city school district of a city having a population in excess of one  
32 million may notify such district, not later than the first day of July  
33 of each school year, of a maximum of five days, exclusive of Saturdays,  
34 Sundays or legal holidays upon which public schools are required to be  
35 closed, on which the public schools are scheduled to be closed, except  
36 that in any year in which the first or last day of Passover and Easter  
37 Sunday are separated by more than seven days, such officials may notify  
38 the district of a maximum of ten days, but such school district will be  
39 required to provide for transportation to such nonpublic school provided  
40 that such five or ten additional days, whichever is applicable, are  
41 limited to the following: the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
42 after Labor Day, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the week in which public  
43 schools are closed for spring recess, December twenty-fourth and the  
44 week between Christmas day and New Year's day, the Tuesday, Wednesday,  
45 Thursday and Friday after the observance of Washington's birthday, the  
46 first day of the second lunar month after the winter solstice in the  
47 preceding calendar year, known as Asian Lunar New Year, the fifteenth  
48 day of the eighth month of the Indian calendar in each year, known as  
49 Diwali, the holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, as affixed by  
50 Muslim religious law and tradition, and, in the boroughs of Brooklyn and  
51 Queens only, Anniversary Day as designated in section twenty-five  
52 hundred eighty-six of this chapter.

53 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.