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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to piggyback bus transportation contracts

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "school bus  
2 route efficiency act".  
3 § 2. Paragraph g of subdivision 14 of section 305 of the education  
4 law, as added by section 12-a of part YY of chapter 59 of the laws of  
5 2019, is amended to read as follows:  
6 g. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, section one  
7 hundred three of the general municipal law, or any other provision of  
8 law to the contrary, the board of education shall be authorized to enter  
9 into a piggyback contract with another school district that transports  
10 students pursuant to a contract with a private transportation contrac-  
11 tor, provided that the board finds that the contract cost is appropriate  
12 [~~and entry into a piggyback contract will result in a cost savings to~~  
13 ~~the school district~~]. For purposes of this paragraph, a "piggyback  
14 contract" means a contract for the transportation of students that: (1)  
15 provides transportation for one school district to a location outside  
16 the students' school district of residence [~~to which another school~~  
17 ~~district is already providing transportation to its own students through~~  
18 ~~an existing contract with a private transportation contractor, other~~  
19 ~~than a cooperatively bid contract~~]; (2) provides transportation for  
20 another school district for its own students to the same or nearby  
21 locations through a contract with a private transportation contractor;  
22 (3) is entered into by the private transportation contractor and each  
23 school district involved; and [~~(3)~~] (4) provides for transportation in  
24 accordance with the terms and conditions of such [~~existing~~] transporta-  
25 tion contract.  
26 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
27 the date upon which it shall have become a law.

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

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