STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MARTINS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to permitting parents or guardians of twins or higher order multiples who attend school in Nassau or Suffolk county to request placement of such children in the same classroom; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3210-a to read as follows:

§ 3210-a. Classroom placement of twins or higher order multiples in schools located in Nassau or Suffolk county. 1. In the counties of Nassau or Suffolk, a parent or guardian of twins or higher order multiples may request that such twins or higher order multiples be placed in the same classroom if the children are in the same grade level at the same school. The school may recommend classroom placement to the parents and provide professional education advice to the parents to assist them in making the best decision for their children's education. A school shall provide the placement requested by the children's parent or guardian, unless the school board makes a classroom placement determination following the school principal's request according to this section. The parent or guardian shall request the classroom placement no later than fourteen days after the first day of each school year or fourteen days after the first day of attendance of the children during a school year if the children are enrolled in the school after the school year commences.

2. At the end of the initial grading period, if the school principal, in consultation with the children's classroom teacher, determines that the requested classroom placement is disruptive to the school, the

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

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school principal may request that the school board determine the children's classroom placement.

3. For purposes of this section, "higher order multiples" means triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, or more.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed five years after such date.