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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- 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 requiring certain public and nonpublic schools to provide transportation or reimbursement for transportation for certain students residing in an area containing at least three hundred students within a one-mile radius

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 3627 of the education law, as amended by section 7 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, is amended and a new paragraph (c) is added to read as follows:

(b) reimbursing the cost incurred by licensed transportation carriers pursuant to contracts with such school district for providing transportation for those children attending public and nonpublic schools in grades kindergarten through six who remain at the same school for which they are enrolled for regularly scheduled academic classes from half-past nine o'clock in the morning or earlier until four o'clock in the afternoon or later, on weekdays, and reside at least one mile from their school of attendance for grades three through six, and at least one-half mile from their school of attendance for grades kindergarten through two[-] **and**

(c) notwithstanding section thirty-six hundred thirty-five of this article or any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, providing transportation of up to fifteen miles or reimbursing the costs incurred by licensed transportation carriers pursuant to contracts with the school district for providing such transportation, regardless of borough or county lines, for those children attending public and nonpublic schools in grades kindergarten through six who remain at the same school for which they are enrolled for regularly scheduled academic classes from half-past nine o'clock in the morning or earlier until four o'clock

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

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in the afternoon or later, on weekdays, and reside in an area containing at least three hundred students within a one-mile radius; provided, however, that this paragraph shall only apply to students who, during the two thousand twenty-four--two thousand twenty-five school year, resided in the borough of the school they are currently attending and who no longer reside in such borough and to the siblings of such students; and provided further, however, that any reimbursement costs incurred by a city having a population of one million or more pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed the maximum amount allowed pursuant to this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.