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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 transportation services for certain school districts

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3635 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph h to read as follows:

h. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the city school districts of the cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers, pursuant to adoption of a resolution by the board of education setting forth a plan, and approval of such plan by the commissioner, may provide transportation services for children residing within the district attending kindergarten through grade twelve who live one-half mile or more from the school they legally attend if such transportation is deemed necessary pursuant to a determination by the commissioner due to safety concerns. Such transportation services shall be restricted to transportation to and from children's homes or before or after-school child care locations and, if offered, shall be provided for each student up to a distance of fifteen miles. Transportation pursuant to this paragraph shall be offered equally to all children in like circumstances residing in the district. For the purpose of computing approved transportation expenses for transportation aid, expenses for transportation provided pursuant to this paragraph shall be included. The school district shall provide a report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate and the commissioner on the results of the first three years of the program, including the cost and benefit analysis of increased or decreased costs for the school district and the state, and the impact on student attendance and academic performance of the school district, on or before September fifteenth, two thousand twenty-eight.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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