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Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- 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 the universal full-day pre-kindergarten program; and to repeal subdivision 4 of section 3602-ee of such law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 3602-ee of the education law is REPEALED.

§ 2. Subdivisions 1 and 5 of section 3602-ee of the education law, as added by section 1 of part CC of chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read as follows:

1. The purpose of the universal full-day pre-kindergarten program is to incentivize and fund state-of-the-art innovative pre-kindergarten programs [~~and to encourage program creativity through competition~~].

5. The department shall develop a scoring system, which it shall use to evaluate which applications shall be funded [~~on a competitive basis~~] based on merit and factors including but not limited to the criteria listed above and student and community need. [~~Upon review of applications, if the program is oversubscribed in any region or regions of the state, the department shall notify the division of the budget, which shall develop a plan for distribution of available slots within any oversubscribed region.~~] The subscription for the New York city region is three hundred million dollars. The subscription for each region of the state other than the New York city region shall be in an amount sufficient to provide slots for all qualifying programs. The department shall allocate full-day pre-kindergarten conversion slots and new full-day pre-kindergarten slots based on available funding and shall make payments upon documentation of eligible expenditures in the base year, which shall be limited to the actual number of slots operated and paid on a per-pupil basis pursuant to subdivision fourteen of this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on 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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