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## IN SENATE

May 9, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing school districts to establish parent advisory councils on special education

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

1 Section 1. Section 4402 of the education law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

3 10. The board of education or trustees of each school district shall  
4 establish a parent advisory council on special education. Membership of  
5 such council shall be offered to all parents of children with disabili-  
6 ties in the school district and other interested parties. The parent  
7 advisory councils' duties shall include, but not be limited to, advising  
8 the board of education or trustees of the school district on matters  
9 that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities,  
10 and meeting regularly with school officials to participate in the plan-  
11 ning, development, and evaluation of the school district's special  
12 education programs. Parent advisory councils shall establish by-laws  
13 regarding officers and operational procedures. In the course of its  
14 duties under this section, a parent advisory council shall receive  
15 assistance from the board of education or trustees without charge, upon  
16 reasonable notice, and subject to the availability of staff and  
17 resources.

18 § 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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