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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 28, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 118 of the laws of 1969, relating to a separate union free school district in the town of Greenburgh in the county of Westchester, in relation to property used by the Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District number 12 and authorizing such school district to affiliate with Rising Ground, Inc.; and to repeal subdivision b of section 5 of chapter 118 of the laws of 1969, relating to a separate union free school district in the town of Greenburgh in the county of Westchester, relating to authorizing the Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District number 12 to affiliate with any child care institution or entity other than St. Christopher's School, Inc.

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

Section 1. Section 5 of chapter 118 of the laws of 1969, relating to a separate union free school district in the town of Greenburgh in the county of Westchester, as added by chapter 179 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. a. Notwithstanding section three **and four** of this act, the Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District number 12 of the towns of Greenburgh and North Castle in the county of Westchester shall continue to constitute a separate union free school district during the 2024-2025 school year **and thereafter** and shall continue to have and enjoy all the powers and privileges of a union free school district under the provisions of the education law. For purposes of continuing to provide instruction to students enrolled in the school district during the 2024-2025 school year **and thereafter**, the territory of the Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District number 12 created by this chapter shall include property identified in lease agreements executed by the school district including the [~~agency~~] lease for the school facility

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

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located at 71 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry in the town of Greenburgh, county of Westchester, 108 Shonnard Place in the city of Yonkers, county of Westchester [~~and 1700 Old Orchard Place in the village of Valhalla pursuant to chapter 224 of the laws of 2010;~~], **29 Marshall Road, Wappingers Falls in the towns of Wappinger and Poughkeepsie, county of Dutchess,** 623 Blooming Grove Turnpike, in the town of New Windsor, county of Orange and 45 East Gainsborg Avenue in the village of West Harrison pursuant to chapter 264 of the laws of 2017 **as well as properties leased and/or owned by Rising Ground, Inc. in Westchester, Bronx or Dutchess counties at which a residential treatment center affiliated with Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District number 12 is operated provided, however, that the commissioner of education has approved the use of any building used by the school district for purposes providing instruction and provided further, however, that the use of the property located at 623 Blooming Grove Turnpike, in the town of New Windsor, county of Orange, shall be discontinued on or about June 30, 2025**.

b. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, subject to approval of the department of education and the office of children and family services and any applicable terms of the Capital Facilities Financing Act or applicable approval of the dormitory authority, the board of education of the Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District number 12 created by this chapter shall be authorized to affiliate with a child care institution as defined in section 4001 of the education law other than the St. Christopher's School St. Christopher's - Jennie Clarkson Child Care Services Corporation. Upon state approval of such affiliation, the board of education of the Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District number 12 as created by this chapter shall be comprised of seven members, five elected by the board of directors of such child care institution and two public members appointed pursuant to chapters 628 and 629 of the laws of 2004. The board members shall serve for terms of up to four years. Additionally, following state approval as described in this subsection, education responsibility for students placed in the affiliated child care institution shall be governed by article 81 of the education law.

c. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the board of education of the Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District number 12 created by this chapter shall be authorized to affiliate with Rising Ground, Inc., a child care institution as defined in section 4001 of the education law. Upon such affiliation, the board of education of the Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District number 12 as created by this chapter shall be comprised of between five and nine members, with members to be elected by the board of directors of Rising Ground, Inc. and with two such board members being public members appointed pursuant to chapters 628 and 629 of the laws of 2004. The board members shall serve for terms of up to four years. Additionally, education responsibility for students placed in the affiliated child care institution shall be governed by article 81 of the education law.

§ 2. Subdivision b of section 5 of chapter 118 of the laws of 1969, relating to a separate union free school district in the town of Greenburgh in the county of Westchester, is REPEALED.

§ 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025, or the date upon which the lease agreement for property located at 623 Blooming Grove Turnpike, in the town of New Windsor, county of Orange expires, whichever date occurs first. Provided, further, that the Greenburgh North Castle Union Free School District number 12 shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the expiration of such lease agreement in order that

the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.