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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, RAMOS, HEVESI, COOK, LUPARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to full day kindergarten

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1712 of the education law is amended to read as follows:

1. The board of education of each school district [~~may~~] **shall** maintain kindergartens which shall be free to resident children between the ages of four and six years, provided, however, such board may fix a higher minimum age for admission to such kindergartens. **In the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year and thereafter, all such kindergartens shall be operated on a full-time basis.**

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2514 of the education law, as added by chapter 762 of the laws of 1950, is amended to read as follows:

1. The board of education of each city school district [~~may~~] **shall** maintain kindergartens which shall be free to resident children between the ages of four and six years, provided, however, such board may fix a higher minimum age for admission to such kindergartens. **In the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year and thereafter, all such kindergartens shall be operated on a full-time basis.**

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 2555 of the education law, such section as renumbered by chapter 762 of the laws of 1950, is amended to read as follows:

1. The board of education of each city [~~may~~] **shall** maintain kindergartens which shall be free to resident children between the ages of four and six years, provided, however, such board may fix a higher minimum age for admission to such kindergartens. **In the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year and thereafter, all such kindergartens shall be operated on a full-time basis.**

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

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§ 4. The opening paragraph of subdivision 9 of section 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 9 of part A of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

School districts may make available full day kindergarten programs for all children wishing to attend such programs**, and, commencing with the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year, shall make full day kindergarten programs available to all children**.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.