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Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES, LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to piggyback bus transportation contracts

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "school bus route efficiency act".

§ 2. Paragraph g of subdivision 14 of section 305 of the education law, as added by section 12-a of part YYY of chapter 59 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

g. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, section one hundred three of the general municipal law, or any other provision of law to the contrary, the board of education shall be authorized to enter into a piggyback contract with another school district that transports students pursuant to a contract with a private transportation contractor, provided that the board finds that the contract cost is appropriate [~~and entry into a piggyback contract will result in a cost savings to the school district~~]. For purposes of this paragraph, a "piggyback contract" means a contract for the transportation of students that: (1) provides transportation **for one school district** to a location outside the students' school district of residence [~~to which another school district is already providing transportation to its own students through an existing contract with a private transportation contractor, other than a cooperatively bid contract~~]; (2) **provides transportation for another school district for its own students to the same or nearby locations through a contract with a private transportation contractor; (3)** is entered into by the private transportation contractor and each school district involved; and [~~(3)~~] **(4)** provides for transportation in accordance with the terms and conditions of such [~~existing~~] transportation contract.

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