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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to additional financial aid provided to certain school districts

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

1 Section 1. Section 3602 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 16-a to read as follows:

3 16-a. Pupil low spending aid. a. Each school district shall be eligi-
4 ble to receive an additional aid apportionment pursuant to this subdivi-
5 sion if such district meets certain thresholds based on the average
6 spending per pupil. Such aid shall be distributed on an annual basis and
7 shall be apportioned as follows:

8 (1) For a district determined to be a high need school district by the
9 commissioner using the most current total funding allocation statements,
10 the regional spending per pupil as well as the district spending per
11 pupil shall be calculated. If the regional spending per pupil is more
12 than ten percent higher than the district spending per pupil, then such
13 district shall be awarded aid in an amount of one hundred dollars multi-
14 plied by the amount of percentage points above ten percent, per pupil.

15 (2) For a district determined to be an average need school district by
16 the commissioner using the most current total funding allocation state-
17 ments, the regional spending per pupil as well as the district spending
18 per pupil shall be calculated. If the regional spending per pupil is
19 more than ten percent higher than the district spending per pupil, then
20 such district shall be awarded aid in an amount of fifty dollars multi-
21 plied by the amount of percentage points above ten percent, per pupil.

22 b. For purposes of this subdivision, "regional spending" shall be
23 broken down into the following:

24 (1) Long Island (which consists of Suffolk and Nassau counties);

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

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1 (2) the city of New York (which consists of Bronx, New York, Queens,
2 Brooklyn, and Richmond counties);

3 (3) the Mid-Hudson region (which consists of Sullivan, Ulster, Dutch-
4 ess, Orange, Putnam, Westchester, and Rockland counties);

5 (4) the Southern tier (which consists of Steuben, Schuyler, Tompkins,
6 Chemung, Tioga, Chenango, Broome, and Delaware counties);

7 (5) the Capital region (which consists of Warren, Washington, Sarato-
8 ga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Albany, Columbia, and Greene counties);

9 (6) the Mohawk valley (which consists of Oneida, Herkimer, Fulton,
10 Montgomery, Otsego, and Schoharie counties);

11 (7) the North country (which consists of Clinton, Franklin, St.
12 Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Hamilton, and Essex counties);

13 (8) the Central region (which consists of Oswego, Cayuga, Onondaga,
14 Madison, and Cortland counties);

15 (9) the Finger Lakes region (which consists of Orleans, Monroe, Wayne,
16 Genesee, Wyoming, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates counties); and

17 (10) the Western region (which consists of Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua,
18 Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties).

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.