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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to Tier 1 high tax aid apportionment and foundation aid

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph a of subdivision 4 of section 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 9-b of part CCC of chapter 59 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The regional cost index shall reflect an analysis of labor market costs based on median salaries in professional occupations that require similar credentials to those of positions in the education field, but not including those occupations in the education field, provided that the regional cost indices for the [~~two thousand seven--two thousand eight~~] two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year and thereafter shall be as follows:

Labor Force Region	Index
Capital District	1.124
Southern Tier	1.045
Western New York	1.091
Hudson Valley	1.314
(excluding Westchester)	
Westchester	1.425
Long Island/NYC	1.425
Finger Lakes	1.141
Central New York	1.103
Mohawk Valley	1.000
North Country	1.000

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

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§ 2. Paragraph b of subdivision 16 of section 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 18 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

b. Tier 1 high tax aid apportionment. For any tier 1 eligible school district, the tier 1 high tax aid apportionment shall be the greater of (1) the product of the public school district enrollment of the district in the base year, as computed pursuant to subparagraph two of paragraph n of subdivision one of this section, multiplied by the product of four hundred fifty dollars multiplied by the state sharing ratio, or (2) one hundred thousand dollars. **In no event shall a district receive less than the amount to which it was entitled pursuant to this paragraph.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.