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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN, BURDICK, CUNNINGHAM, JENSEN, GIBBS,  
GALLAGHER, REYES, LEVENBERG, TAYLOR, KELLES -- read once and referred  
to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring public  
elementary schools to start no earlier than eight a.m. and public  
secondary schools to start no earlier than eight thirty a.m.

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

1 Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 63 to read as follows:

3 63. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations requiring  
4 all public elementary schools within the state to start no earlier than  
5 eight a.m. and all public secondary schools within the state to start no  
6 earlier than eight thirty a.m.

7 § 2. Section 3604 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
8 subdivision 8-a to read as follows:

9 8-a. a. No public elementary school within the state shall be enti-  
10 tled to any portion of such school moneys on such apportionment unless  
11 the report of the trustees or board of education for the preceding  
12 school year shall show that such public elementary school started no  
13 earlier than eight a.m.

14 b. No public high school within the state shall be entitled to any  
15 portion of such school moneys on such apportionment unless the report of  
16 the trustees or board of education for the preceding school year shall  
17 show that such public secondary schools started no earlier than eight  
18 thirty a.m.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all  
20 academic years beginning on and after such date.

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

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