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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring elementary and secondary schools to close in the event the governor declares a state of emergency related to the weather in any city having a population of one million or more

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 27-a to read as follows:

§ 27-a. Weather related state of emergency. Whenever the governor, on such governor's own initiative or pursuant to a request from the mayor of a city having a population of one million or more, finds that a state of emergency exists because of the imminent or existing weather conditions in a city having a population of one million or more, such governor shall declare a weather related state of emergency by executive order. Upon such a declaration all public and private elementary and secondary schools in such city shall be closed and remain closed until such state of emergency is terminated.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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