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IN SENATE

January 7, 2026

Introduced by Sen. ASHBY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a transfer student appeal process

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 320 to read as follows:

§ 320. Transfer student appeal process. 1. The commissioner, in consultation with the office of standards and instruction within the department, shall establish a transfer student appeal process that operates solely at the state level.

2. The appeal process established pursuant to this section shall provide students with an option to pursue a second opinion regarding the status of their transfer credits from out-of-state schools, out-of-country schools, or non-public schools.

3. A student may only use the appeal process after they have already completed the transfer credit process at the school district they enrolled into.

4. Decisions made through the appeals process established pursuant to this section shall be considered final.

5. The commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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