

East Ramapo Monitor Legislation Chapter Amendment: Section 48 of Part YYY of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2017

§ 48. Paragraphs (a-1) and (b) of section 5 of chapter 89 of the laws of 2016 relating to supplementary funding for dedicated programs for public school students in the East Ramapo central school district, are amended to read as follows:

(a-1) The East Ramapo central school district shall be eligible to receive reimbursement [~~from such funds made available~~] pursuant to [~~paragraph (a) of~~] this [~~section~~] act, subject to available appropriation, for its approved expenditures in the two thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen school year and thereafter on services to improve and enhance the educational opportunities of students attending the public schools in such district. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, reducing class sizes, expanding academic and enrichment opportunities, establishing and expanding kindergarten programs, expanding extracurricular opportunities and providing student support services, provided, however, transportation services and expenses shall not be eligible for reimbursement from such funds.

(b) In order to receive such funds, the school district in consultation with the monitor or monitors shall develop a long term strategic academic and fiscal improvement plan within 6 months from the enactment of this act and shall annually revise such plan by October first of each year thereafter. Such plan, including such annual revisions thereto, shall be submitted to the commissioner for approval and shall include a set of goals with appropriate benchmarks and measurable objectives and identify strategies to address areas where improvements are needed in the district, including but not limited to its financial stability, academic opportunities and outcomes, education of students with disabilities, education of English language learners, and shall ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. This improvement plan shall also include a comprehensive expenditure plan that will describe how the funds made available to the district pursuant to this section will be spent in the applicable school year. The comprehensive expenditure plan shall ensure that funds supplement, not supplant, expenditures from local, state and federal funds for services provided to public school students, except that such funds may be used to continue services funded pursuant to this act in prior years. Such expenditure plan shall be developed and annually revised in consultation with the monitor or monitors appointed by the commissioner. The board of education of the East Ramapo central school district must annually conduct a public hearing on the expenditure plan and shall consider the input of the community before adopting such plan. Such expenditure plan shall also be made publicly available and shall be annually submitted along with comments made by the community to the commissioner for approval once the plan is finalized. Upon review of the improvement

plan and the expenditure plan, required to be submitted pursuant to this subdivision or section seven of this act, the commissioner shall approve or deny such plan in writing and, if denied, shall include the reasons therefor. The district in consultation with the monitors may resubmit such plan or plans with any needed modifications thereto.