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LIU INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR NYC TO REDUCE CLASS SIZES

Albany, NY — State Senator John Liu, chairperson of the Senate Committee on NYC Education, yesterday introduced legislation, S10615/A11539, that will extend New York City's class size reduction timeline, providing for a more gradual path to full compliance with the state's class size law, which limits class sizes between 20 and 25 students depending on grade level. The bill is expected to pass both the Senate and Assembly on Thursday.

State Senator John Liu stated, "The legal timetable will be extended by two years, empowering the Mamdani administration to at long last bring all NYC class sizes down to state and national norms of teacher/student ratios. This amendment to state law is respondent to clear and accountable teacher recruitment and classroom construction plans developed by the Mamdani administration to be fulfilled within the mayor's current term of office."

The legislation will revise the class size compliance timeline to the following:

70% by the 2026-2027 school year (70% of public school classes within size limitations)

80% by the 2027-2028 school year

90% by the 2028-2029 school year

100% by the 2029-2030 school year

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