

Annual Report 2022



New York State Senate Standing Committee on **NYC Education** **Senator John C. Liu**

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December 16, 2022

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
New York State Senate Majority Leader
NYS Capitol Building, Room 330
Albany, NY 12247

Re: 2022 Annual Report for the New York City Education Committee

Dear Madame Leader,

It was my pleasure and honor to serve as Chair of the New York City Education Committee this year. The following is the committee report for 2022.

School governance was the primary priority of the New York City Education Committee this year. In March 2022, the Committee held a hearing on school governance, hearing from stakeholders across the city about the pros and cons of mayoral control. After a great deal of consideration by the Senate and Assembly, in June the Legislature renewed Mayoral Control of the NYC School system for two years. This extension came with improvements to mayoral accountability, including increasing the number of parental representatives on the Panel for Education Policy (PEP), and implementing one year fixed terms for PEP members. The changes to PEP are slated to go into effect January 2023, and the NYC Education Committee will continue to assess the impact of these changes as well as the the effectiveness of mayoral control overall.

The Committee also prioritized reducing class sizes, putting the city of New York on track to finally provide a constitutionally-required sound basic education for all of our school kids. It has long been established that excessively large class sizes shortchanged kids specifically in New York City and in fact for many years, the NYC Department of Education consistently claimed that they wanted to reduce class sizes but needed the additional amounts of school funding owed by the state. Now that the state is in year two of the three-year phase-in of the full Foundation Aid obligation, the Legislature passed a bill in June requiring NYC to develop and enact a plan to reduce class sizes in five years, which Governor Hochul signed into law in September.



Many thanks to the Senate Democratic Majority for its support of the important work that was undertaken this year, to the members of the committee for their ongoing commitment to education, and to you Madame Leader for your thoughtful and remarkable leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Liu". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John C. Liu

New York City Education Committee Members

Senator John C. Liu, Chair

Senator Jabari Brisport

Senator Andrew J. Lanza,
Ranking Minority Member

Senator Simcha Felder

Senator Robert Jackson

Senator James Tedisco

Senator Jessica Ramos

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Committee Jurisdiction

The committee oversees provisions of the Education Law that exclusively impact the school district of the City of New York, the largest public school system in the nation.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

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SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill No.	
<p>S1110 C</p>	<p>LIU, RAMOS AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requirements associated with the New York city community school district system and the length of certain council members' terms SUMM : Amd §2590-b, Ed L Relates to requirements associated with the New York city community school district system. 01/07/21 REFERRED TO NEW YORK CITY EDUCATION 05/19/21 1ST REPORT CAL.1183 05/20/21 2ND REPORT CAL. 05/24/21 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 06/01/21 AMENDED ON THIRD READING (T) 1110A 06/02/21 AMENDED ON THIRD READING 1110B 06/07/21 PASSED SENATE 06/07/21 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY 06/07/21 referred to education 01/05/22 died in assembly 01/05/22 returned to senate 01/05/22 REFERRED TO NEW YORK CITY EDUCATION 01/13/22 AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO NEW YORK CITY EDUCATION 01/13/22 PRINT NUMBER 1110C 05/10/22 1ST REPORT CAL.1158 05/11/22 2ND REPORT CAL. 05/16/22 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 06/03/22 COMMITTED TO RULES</p>

<p>S5645</p>	<p>PARKER, RAMOS AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating a city-wide council for district seventy-five SUMM : Amd §2590-b, Ed L Creates a city-wide council for district seventy-five to advise and comment on educational or instructional policies involving district seventy-five services. 03/15/21 REFERRED TO NEW YORK CITY EDUCATION 05/19/21 1ST REPORT CAL.1184 05/20/21 2ND REPORT CAL. 05/24/21 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 06/02/21 PASSED SENATE 06/02/21 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY 06/02/21 referred to education 01/05/22 died in assembly 01/05/22 returned to senate 01/05/22 REFERRED TO NEW YORK CITY EDUCATION 05/10/22 1ST REPORT CAL.1159 05/11/22 2ND REPORT CAL. 05/16/22 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 05/18/22 PASSED SENATE 05/18/22 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY 05/18/22 referred to education</p>
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