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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Education for the 2022 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction and thank you for your leadership and commitment to achieve a historic school aid budget this year. This year we continued our commitment to fully phasing in Foundation Aid, after years of delays, and expanded support for full day PreK programs serving children around the state.

During the 2022 session, the Education Committee met six times during the legislative session and reported sixty-eight bills out of committee. The committee also held two hearings: one about the Executive's Education Budget and a joint hearing with the Senate Standing Committee on New York City Education on School Governance Reform and Mayoral Accountability.

I thank my colleagues who served on the committee for their efforts and support of the work that we accomplished this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the Committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelley B. Mayer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "S" at the beginning.

2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Education has legislative oversight and responsibilities for primary and secondary school requirements including Pre-K to twelfth grade, as well as budget oversight for public libraries and services to adults with special needs. Issues before the committee range from teacher qualifications, curriculum requirements, school district operations, and school and library budget votes and elections. The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Education has a diverse range of topics within its jurisdiction.

During the 2022 Legislative Session, three hundred and ninety six bills were referred to the committee for its review. Of these bills, sixty-eight were reported from the Committee, thirty-seven were passed by the Senate, and sixteen were approved by both houses. These education bills were approved by the committee during six meetings held throughout the legislative session. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

In addition to its regular meetings, the committee held two hearings: one about the proposed Executive Education Budget and a joint hearing with the Senate Standing Committee on New York City Education on School Governance Reform and Mayoral Accountability.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Education Committee approved sixteen bills that passed both houses of the Legislature including measures to address the health and safety of students, operational needs of school districts, instruction, and local education initiatives. These highlights are:

- S117A Kaplan — Requires museums to post a notice with the display of any art stolen during the Nazi era in Europe.
- S121B Kaplan — Authorizes the commissioner of education to conduct a survey regarding instruction on the Holocaust within the state; provides a report shall be delivered which includes detailed results of the survey, the extent the survey data submitted was compliant with section eight hundred one of the education law, and if needed, recommendations to strengthen provisions of law if not compliant.
- S441C Hoylman (Vetoed) – Establishes a dyslexia and dysgraphia task force; implements the findings of such task force
- S973 Gaughran — Requires all contracts with private food service management companies to disclose ingredients lists and nutritional information for all the meals they provide school districts; provides that the private food service management company shall be required to consolidate nutritional information for any meal that is comprised of separate individual ingredients; requires such school districts to publish such ingredients lists and nutritional information on their district's website.
- S7132 Reichlin-Melnick - Enacts "Alyssa's law"; authorizes school boards to include information regarding the installation of a panic alarm system in any school in the district in the district-wide safety plan; defines "panic alarm system".
- S7866A Harckham — Provides that a student enrolled in an individualized education program during certain school years may continue to receive educational services until the student completes the services pursuant to the individualized education program or turns twenty-three years old, whichever is sooner.
- S7866A Mayer — Relates to annual professional performance reviews and tenure; makes an exception for individuals who did not receive an annual performance review rating during the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and the 2021-2022 school years; allows for them to receive tenure if the individual would have been qualified if they had received such performance review.
- S9132 Mannion (Vetoed) — Clarifies that the tuition methodology for 853 schools, special act public school districts and 4410 programs will authorize them to retain funds prior to the implementation of the reconciliation process of the methodology, including cost screens.
- S9134 Mannion (Vetoed) — Requires certain tuition reimbursement interim rates to include the annual growth amount for such rates approved for the two thousand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three school year and annually thereafter pending certification of the prospective rates for such school year and subsequent years.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2022, sixteen of the three hundred and ninety six bills referred to the Standing Committee on Education passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed twelve and vetoed three. One is awaiting action.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S117A	Kaplan	Requires museums to post a notice with the display of any art stolen during the Nazi era in Europe.	Signed Chapter 491
S121B	Kaplan	Authorizes the commissioner of education to conduct a survey regarding instruction on the Holocaust within the state; provides a report shall be delivered which includes detailed results of the survey, the extent the survey data submitted was compliant with section eight hundred one of the education law, and if needed, recommendations to strengthen provisions of law if not compliant.	Signed Chapter 490
S441C	Hoylman	Establishes a dyslexia and dysgraphia task force; implements the findings of such task force.	Vetoed Memo 48
S973	Gaughran	Relates to requiring nonpublic schools to follow the same rules and regulations as public schools regarding a pupil who suffers a concussion, regarding training to recognize the symptoms of a concussion, information to be provided to the parent or guardian of such pupil and the amount of time such pupil shall wait before resuming an athletic activity.	Signed Chapter 617
S6289C	Gaughran	Requires all contracts with private food service management companies to disclose ingredients lists and nutritional information for all the meals they provide school districts; provides that the private food service management company shall be required to consolidate nutritional information for any meal that is comprised of separate individual ingredients; requires such school districts to publish such ingredients lists and nutritional information on their district's website.	Signed Chapter 533
S6744	Salazar	Removes the term incorrigible from certain sections of the education law.	Signed Chapter 181

S7132	Reichlin-Melnick	Enacts "Alyssa's law"; authorizes school boards to include information regarding the installation of a panic alarm system in any school in the district in the district-wide safety plan; defines "panic alarm system".	Signed Chapter 227
S7619	Mayer	Extends the effectiveness of provisions relating to absentee ballots for school district elections during a declared disaster emergency to January 1, 2023.	Signed Chapter 172
S7866A	Harckham	Provides that a student enrolled in an individualized education program during certain school years may continue to receive educational services until the student completes the services pursuant to the individualized education program or turns twenty-three years old, whichever is sooner.	Signed Chapter 223
S8276A	Mayer	Relates to annual professional performance reviews and tenure; makes an exception for individuals who did not receive an annual performance review rating during the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and the 2021-2022 school years; allows for them to receive tenure if the individual would have been qualified if they had received such performance review.	Signed Chapter 201
S8615A	May	Allows coaches who cannot be certified in CPR to be able to coach high school sports if there is another coach or staff present at the sporting activity who is certified in CPR.	Signed Chapter 519
S8701	Ryan	Relates to excluding certain lottery winnings from a school district's adjusted gross income; provides that any lottery winnings in excess of twenty-five percent of a district's adjusted gross income shall be excluded from such district's adjusted gross income for the year.	On the Governor's Desk
S8802	Mayer	Extends provisions related to certified school psychologists and special education services and programs for preschool children with handicapping conditions until June 30, 2024.	Signed Chapter 339
S8859	Brooks	Authorizes state University Trustees, without any public bidding, to lease and otherwise contract to make available to Farmingdale state development corporation, a not-for-profit corporation, a portion of the lands of	Signed Chapter 538

		the university for the purpose of developing, constructing, maintaining and operating a multi-purpose athletic facility to support the provision of athletic tournaments, camps, clinics and other opportunities for Farmingdale students and local community residents; provides such lease shall be a term of thirty years; makes related provisions.	
S9132	Mannion	Clarifies that the tuition methodology for 853 schools, special act public school districts and 4410 programs will authorize them to retain funds prior to the implementation of the reconciliation process of the methodology, including cost screens.	Vetoed Memo 41
S9134	Mannion	Requires certain tuition reimbursement interim rates to include the annual growth amount for such rates approved for the two thousand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three school year and annually thereafter pending certification of the prospective rates for such school year and subsequent years.	Vetoed Memo 42

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S117A	Kaplan	Requires museums to post a notice with the display of any art stolen during the Nazi era in Europe.	Signed Chapter 491
S121B	Kaplan	Authorizes the commissioner of education to conduct a survey regarding instruction on the Holocaust within the state; provides a report shall be delivered which includes detailed results of the survey, the extent the survey data submitted was compliant with section eight hundred one of the education law, and if needed, recommendations to strengthen provisions of law if not compliant.	Signed Chapter 490
S342	Persaud	Establishes the underrepresented teachers of tomorrow teacher recruitment and retention program to attract and retain underrepresented certified teachers in schools which have an underrepresentation of underrepresented certified teachers; provides for grants and procedures for applying for such grants and eligibility requirements for fund distribution.	Passed the Senate
S392	Kaminsky	Requires nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools to require their prospective employees to submit fingerprints through the commissioner of education for the purpose of criminal background checks; authorizes conditional appointment of employees by such schools pending determination of the criminal background check.	Reported and Committed to Finance
S441C	Hoylman	Establishes a dyslexia and dysgraphia task force; implements the findings of such a task force.	Vetoed Memo 48
S546	Mayer	Relates to student governments in secondary schools.	Passed the Senate
S547	Mayer	Relates to reimbursement for studies for districts subject to reorganization	Passed the Senate
S652	Sanders	Relates to establishing a task force on safety in school transportation to review and	Referred from Education

		promote such safety.	
S912A	Mayer	Establishes a school voter registration access program to promote student voter registration and pre-registration.	Passed the Senate
S973	Gaughran	Relates to requiring nonpublic schools to follow the same rules and regulations as public schools regarding a pupil who suffers a concussion, regarding training to recognize the symptoms of a concussion, information to be provided to the parent or guardian of such pupil and the amount of time such pupil shall wait before resuming an athletic activity.	Signed Chapter 617
S1019C	Kaminsky	Relates to administering asthma rescue medications and authorizing schools to possess and administer asthma rescue medications	Passed the Senate
S1057	Mayer	Relates to replacing certain instances of the words handicapping conditions with disabilities	Passed the Senate
S1100A	Liu	Relates to developing grow your own initiatives at school districts, boards of cooperative educational services and higher education institutions	Passed the Senate
S1321A	Helming	Authorizes schools to allow fire departments to make a recruitment presentation in a high school	Referred from Education
S1354	Serrano	Directs the commissioner of education to require public schools to report on compliance with art education instruction requirements	Passed the Senate
S1626	Skoufis	Relates to the location of the annual school district elections	Passed the Senate
S1709	Gallivan	Makes permanent the provisions of chapter 396 of the laws of 2012, amending the education law, relating to services to out-of-state school districts by boards of cooperative educational services	Referred from Education
S1848	Skoufis	Permits union free and central school district boards of education to establish wards for the purpose of school board elections in Orange County	Passed the Senate

S1984	Jackson	Relates to directing the commissioner to convene statewide and regional conventions to bring together underrepresented educators	Passed the Senate
S2053A	Reichlin-Melnick	Establishes school election wards in Rockland county union free and central school districts	Passed the Senate
S2114	Bailey	Authorizes and directs the commissioner of education to conduct a study on the number of children who are caregivers and how being a caregiver impacts their education	Passed the Senate
S2555A	Brisport	Establishes a task force on educator diversity in New York state	Passed the Senate
S2687	Brooks	Authorizes school districts to enter into a lease outside of such school district	Passed the Senate
S3345	Felder	Requires that academic credit toward a high school diploma be given for practical experience gained outside of school during high school	Passed the Senate
S3472	Biaggi	Requires feminine hygiene products to be offered for free in non-public schools	Passed the Senate
S3682	Felder	Directs the commissioner of education to study and report on the provision of services to public school students in grades 8 through 12 by guidance counselors	Passed the Senate
S4243A	Gaughran	Establishes the Long Island power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund	Passed the Senate
S4650	Mannion	Allows for unlicensed personnel to administer seizure rescue medication in schools	Passed the Senate
S5433	Parker	Establishes the bilingual teachers of tomorrow teacher recruitment and retention program	Passed the Senate
S6289C	Gaughran	Relates to requiring private food service companies to disclose ingredient lists and nutritional information for all meals they provide school districts and requiring districts to publish this information online	Signed Chapter 533
S6307	Harckham	Relates to extending the time period for recovery of energy performance contract costs incurred by school districts	Passed the Senate

S6744	Salazar	Removes the term incorrigible from certain sections of the education laws	Signed Chapter 181
S7132B	Reichlin-Melnick	Authorizes school boards to include information regarding the installation of a panic alarm system in any school in the district in the district-wide safety plan	Signed Chapter 227
S7338	Jordan	Provides for the dissolution of union free school district number eight of the town of Canaan in the county of Columbia, makes technical corrections; repealer	Passed the Senate
S7619	Mayer	Extends the effectiveness of provisions relating to absentee ballots for school district elections during a declared disaster emergency	Signed Chapter 172
S7666A	Liu	Provides the Board of Regents with final approval authority over all proposed and renewed charter schools	Referred from Education
S7866A	Harckham	Provides that a student enrolled in an individualized education program during certain school years may continue to receive educational services for a certain period	Signed Chapter 223
S8276A	Mayer	Relates to annual professional performance reviews and tenure	Signed Chapter 201
S8338	Gaughran	Extends a provision of law regarding the disposal of surplus computer equipment by political subdivisions	Signed Chapter 196
S8536A	Thomas	Relates to the use of airway clearance devices in schools	Passed the Senate
S8615A	May	Relates to first aid instruction for coaches and staff of high school athletics	Signed Chapter 519
S8637A	Kaplan	Prohibits discrimination of students on school property or at a school function based on religious attire, clothing or facial hair	Referred from Education
S8701	Ryan	Relates to excluding certain lottery winnings from a school district's adjusted gross income	On the Governor's Desk
S8802	Mayer	Extends provisions related to certified school psychologists and special education services and programs for preschool children with	Signed Chapter 339

		handicapping conditions	
S8859	Brooks	Authorizes the state university of New York at Farmingdale to lease certain lands to the Farmingdale state development corporation	Signed Chapter 538
S8924	Liu	Requires that instruction in public schools aligned to the Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework	Reported and Committed to Finance
9053	Kaminsky	Establishes the Island Park LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund	Passed the Senate
S9054	Kaminsky	Establishes the Oceanside LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund	Passed the Senate
S9132	Mannion	Relates to the tuition methodology for special education schools and programs	Vetoed Memo 41
S9134	Mannion	Relates to tuition reimbursement interim rates	Vetoed Memo 42
S9336	Bailey	Establishes a juvenile justice education task force to address effective coordination and programmatic coherence in the provision of educational opportunities and services to certain students	Passed the Senate
S9357	Gaughran	Establishes the North Shore LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund	Passed the Senate
S9358	Gaughran	Establishes the Northport-East Northport LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund	Passed the Senate
S9438	Cleare	Requires schools that maintain epinephrine auto-injectors on-site to provide teachers with written informational material on the use of such auto-injectors	Passed the Senate



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