



Annual Report 2025

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January 7, 2026

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Re: 2025 Annual Report for the New York City Education Committee

Dear Madam 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 the 2025 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2025 Session, this Committee met once and reported ten bills.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the Committee 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 "John C. Liu".

John C. Liu

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NEW YORK CITY EDUCATION

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on New York City Education has legislative oversight responsibilities over 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.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, 37 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 10 were reported from the Committee. Four were passed by the Senate, and one passed both houses. This work was conducted through one committee meeting, and a list of all the bills that were reported from the Committee is provided at the end of this report.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the Committee in 2025:

- S.79 (Liu) - *Passed Senate* - Requires that all special education students attending schools scheduled to be closed or to undergo a significant change be assigned to new schools prior to the implementation of the closing or change.
- S.82 (Liu) - *Reported from Committee* - This bill requires an assistant principal to be assigned to each school in the city school district of the city of New York.
- S.1018 (Jackson) - *Reported from Committee* - This bill protects bus workers' wages and benefits during transitions between employers in cities with populations over one million and prioritizes the hiring of experienced school bus drivers to ensure high safety standards for students.
- S.1325C (Hoylman-Sigal) - *Passed Senate* - This bill requires the school district of location shall annually provide written notice to all parents or persons in parental relation to students with disabilities attending nonpublic schools within their district regarding the process for requesting special education services; relates to the denial of services in a city having a population of one million or more for the 2024--2025 school year.
- S.1510 (Liu) - *Passed Senate* - This bill allows the president of the citywide council on high schools to participate in the selection of the members of the board of education elected by the community district education council presidents.
- S.3786 (Felder) - *Vetoed* - This bill includes remedial services, homework or childcare as the transportation responsibility of the city school district located in a city having a population of one million or more.
- S.6032 (Parker) - *Reported from Committee* - This bill requires the chancellor of the NYC department of education to establish a pilot program for the purpose of providing frozen take-home meals to certain children located in the city of New York and to select one NYC public school from each borough to participate in such pilot program.
- S.6138 (Parker) - *Reported from Committee* - This bill enacts the "New York city Caribbean steel pan educational music program act"; requires community school boards in the city of New York to authorize, where reasonable, the use of school grounds in the summer months for use by any steel pan music organization to practice for the Labor Day Parade (West Indian Carnival).
- S.6355 (Liu) - *Reported from Committee* - This bill allows parents of a child who has ever received services through an English as a second language program to serve as a member of the citywide council on English language learners and of the citywide council on high schools even if the child is no longer enrolled.
- S.6719 (Jackson) - *Reported from Committee* - This bill provides for a special education placement process that will help ensure students with disabilities are placed in the appropriate programs and receive resolution of their impartial due process hearing and tuition reimbursement in a timely.

2025 SENATE NEW YORK CITY EDUCATION SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
S.00079	LIU	Requires that all special education students attending schools scheduled to be closed or to undergo a significant change be assigned to new schools prior to the implementation of the closing or change.	Passed the Senate
S.00082	LIU	Relates to the number and duties of assistant principals to be assigned to the schools in the city school district of the city of New York.	Reported to Senate Finance
S.01018	JACKSON	Relates to employment contracts between school bus workers and the department of education in a city with at least one million inhabitants.	Reported to Senate Finance
S.01325C	HOYLMAN-SIGAL	Requires the school district of location shall annually provide written notice to all parents or persons in parental relation to students with disabilities attending nonpublic schools within their district regarding the process for requesting special education services; relates to the denial of services in a city having a population of one million or more for the 2024-2025 school year.	Passed the Senate
S.01510	LIU	Allows the president of the citywide council on high schools to participate in the selection of the members of the board of education elected by the community district education council presidents.	Passed the Senate
S.06032	PARKER	Requires the chancellor of the NYC department of education to establish a pilot program for the purpose of providing frozen take-home meals to certain children located in the city of New York; requires the chancellor of the NYC department of education to select one NYC public school from each borough to participate in such pilot program.	Reported to Senate Finance

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S.06138	PARKER	Enacts the “New York city Caribbean steel pan educational music program act”; requires community school boards in the city of New York to authorize, where reasonable, the use of school grounds in the summer months for use by any steel pan music organization to practice for the Labor Day Parade (West Indian Carnival).	Senate Rules
S.06355	LIU	Allows parents of a child who has ever received services through an English as a second language program to serve as a member of the citywide council on English language learners and of the citywide council on high schools even if the child is no longer enrolled.	Senate Rules
S.06719	JACKSON	Relates to determinations of appropriate educational programs for certain students in a school district in a city having a population of one million or more.	Reported to Senate Education

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