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*An Act to amend the education law, in relation to the enforcement of the suspension of pupils from school.*

Senate Bill 1146-A would amend education law by allowing the board of education, board of trustees or sole trustee, superintendent of schools, district superintendent of schools and the principal of the school into which a student transfers, the power to enforce and continue a suspension ordered by the previous school district attended by the student. Senate Bill 1146-A allows such continuation when the terms of a suspension have not been fully implemented in the district where the suspension was initiated and where a student has transferred to a new district. Prior bill language restricted receiving districts to only continue those suspensions not fully implemented by the issuing district by the end of the school year. Senate Bill 1146-A also added language clarifying that required reporting under the Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting Act would be the responsibility of the district originally initiating the suspension.

The amended bill would appropriately provide a school district, into which a student transfers, discretionary authority to continue the implementation of a school suspension determined and/or commenced for the student in the immediately preceding school district. The exercise of such discretionary authority could be appropriate when a student committed an egregious act and has a change of domicile and school district shortly after the suspension at the end of a school year. In such instances, the continuation of the suspension may be an appropriate means to help ensure that the student is held accountable for the behavior that precipitated the suspension and may serve to protect the members of the receiving district's student body and school faculty.

The bill however, does not require the receiving school district to automatically continue the student suspension determination made by the prior school district. The receiving school district will make such determinations on a student-by-student basis.

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