

Mandate Review Request #2012040002

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Name of Local Government: Bedford Central School District
Type of Local Government: School District
County: Westchester

Name of Mandate: Staffing Ratios and Class Size for Special Education

Type of Mandate: Regulation/Rule/Order

Citation for Mandate: 8 NYCRR 200.6

Description of Mandate: The total number of students with a disability assigned to a resource room teacher shall not exceed 20 students or, for the city school district of the city of New York, the commissioner shall allow a variance of up to 50 percent rounded up to the nearest whole number from the maximum of 20 students per teacher; except that the total number of students with a disability assigned to a resource room teacher who serves students enrolled in grades seven through twelve or a multi-level middle school program operating on a period basis shall not exceed 25 students or, for the city school district of the city of New York, the commissioner shall allow a variance of up to 50 percent rounded up to the nearest whole number from the maximum of 25 students per teacher.

Recommended Change: Eliminate mandated class sizes and mandated teacher student ratios for students with disabilities and resource rooms while maintaining a continuum of services and supports for students. Allow school districts flexibility in determining class sizes and student/teacher ratios based upon individual student needs and IEPs.

Estimated Savings from the Recommended Change to the Local Government:
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000

Estimated Statewide Savings from the Recommended Change: \$7,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000

Description of Methodology Used in Estimating Savings: statewide costs calculated by LHCOSS