



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 799

Resolution encouraging the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to provide additional rides on New York City Student Metrocards and to extend the valid time limits of such cards to allow students to participate in school-related and after-school activities.

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Whereas, The New York Department of Education provides elementary and secondary school students with Full Fare and Half Fare MTA MetroCards; and

Whereas, A Full-Fare Student MetroCard is restricted to three trips per school day on both subway and surface bus lines between the hours of 5:30 am and 8:30 pm; and

Whereas, A Half-Fare Student MetroCard is restricted to three tips per school day on surface transportation only; and

Whereas, Additionally, a special four trip MetroCard is available upon the principal's request; and

Whereas, Many school-related and after-school activities, such as sports programs, internships, community service, and tutoring and mentoring sessions, may require a student to make more than three trips per day or occur beyond the 8:30 pm deadline, or on weekends; and

Whereas, Participation in school-related and after-school activities provides an enriching experience for students and contributes to academic success; and

Whereas, Students should be encouraged to participate in school-related and after-school activities, and accommodations should be made to ensure that student have access to appropriate transportation to attend such activities; and

Whereas, A simple plan could be devised whereby a student could acquire a supplemental Metrocard

upon providing proof of a school-related or after-school activity-related need; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York encourages the MTA to provide additional rides on New York City Student Metrocards and to extend the valid time limits of such cards to allow students to participate in school-related and after-school activities.

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