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Introduced by Sen. MARCHIONE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT in relation to the public comment period regarding the statewide teacher and principal evaluation system

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "your
2 voice, our schools act".
3 S 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of section 3012-c of the education
4 law to the contrary, the commissioner of the state education department
5 is hereby authorized and directed, subject to the provisions of section
6 207 of the education law, to adopt regulations of the commissioner and
7 guidelines no later than November 1, 2015, to implement a statewide
8 annual teacher and principal evaluation system in New York state pursu-
9 ant to section 3012-d of the education law after consulting with experts
10 and practitioners in the fields of education, economics and psychome-
11 trics and taking into consideration the parameters set forth in the
12 letter from the chancellor of the board of regents and acting commis-
13 sioner dated December 31, 2014, to the New York state director of state
14 operations. The commissioner shall also establish a process to accept
15 public comments and recommendations regarding the adoption of regu-
16 lations pursuant to section 3012-d of the education law and consult in
17 writing with the secretary of the United States department of education
18 on weights, measures and ranking of evaluation categories and subcompo-
19 nents and shall release the response from the secretary upon receipt
20 thereof but in any event prior to publication of the regulations here-
21 under. The period to accept public comments and recommendations shall
22 last until September 1, 2015 and the commissioner shall ensure that a
23 link for such public comments and recommendations is available on the
24 state education department website. The commissioner shall report his or
25 her findings of the public comments and recommendations to the governor

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 and the legislature. Such report shall include the number of comments
2 received and an executive summary that includes a broad cross section of
3 comments, and citizen input, for how teacher evaluations should be
4 implemented.

5 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.