

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 10, 2025

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

AN ACT directing a study on the feasibility of adjusting the compulsory attendance age of minors attending full time instruction; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The commissioner of education shall conduct a study on the
2 feasibility of adjusting the compulsory attendance age for when minors
3 shall attend full time instruction and deliver a report of the findings
4 and recommendations based on such findings to the governor, the tempo-
5 rary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly on or
6 before July first, two thousand twenty-seven. The commissioner of educa-
7 tion shall consult with educators, parents, and other stakeholders to
8 conduct a study which shall include, but not be limited to:
9 (a) the social, emotional, and educational appropriateness of the
10 state's compulsory attendance age for when minors shall attend full time
11 instruction;
12 (b) the appropriateness and feasibility of adjusting the age of
13 required attendance to start school in New York state to minors who
14 become five years of age after the first of September in any school
15 year; and
16 (c) the educational programs and services available to minors who
17 would otherwise be enrolled in prekindergarten pursuant to an adjustment
18 in the state's compulsory attendance age.
19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
20 deemed repealed December 31, 2027.

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

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