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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Nolan) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to implementing the turnaround transformation of certain schools

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 42 to read as follows:

42. THE COMMISSIONER IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF ANY SCHOOL IDENTIFIED AS PERSISTENTLY LOWEST ACHIEVING OR IS DEEMED A SCHOOL UNDER REGISTRATION REVIEW. THIS ASSESSMENT IS TO DETERMINE WHAT FACTORS CAUSED THE SCHOOL TO BE IDENTIFIED AS PERSISTENTLY LOWEST ACHIEVING OR DEEMED A SCHOOL UNDER REGISTRATION REVIEW, AS WELL AS IDENTIFIES CORRECTIVE MEASURES NEEDED. THE ASSESSMENT IS TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO A REVIEW OF STUDENT PLACEMENT POLICIES SET BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. THIS ASSESSMENT MUST BE DONE BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY OF THE TURNAROUND INTERVENTION MODELS AUTHORIZED UNDER REGULATION.

S 2. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 43 to read as follows:

43. WHEN IMPLEMENTING THE TURNAROUND OR TRANSFORMATION MODEL FOR A SCHOOL IDENTIFIED AS PERSISTENTLY LOWEST ACHIEVING OR DEEMED A SCHOOL UNDER REGISTRATION REVIEW, THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY IN THEIR DISCRETION RETAIN THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL IF: (A) THE PRINCIPAL HAS WORKED THREE YEARS OR LESS AT THE IDENTIFIED SCHOOL, OR (B) THE SCHOOL'S GRADUATION RATES, WHILE NOT MEETING THE STATE GRADUATION RATES, HAVE IMPROVED OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST THREE YEARS.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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