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AN ACT to create the temporary state commission on value added assessment, and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. There is hereby created a temporary state commission to be  
2 known as the temporary state commission on value added assessment to  
3 make recommendations regarding the purposes of such a system, the manner  
4 in which the administration of such a system increases the achievement  
5 of students in the public school system, and the viability of New York  
6 state to develop and implement a value added assessment system. The  
7 commission shall make recommendations on the following issues regarding  
8 value added assessments:
- 9 a. The benefits of New York state implementing a value added assess-  
10 ment system;
  - 11 b. The benefits of New York state developing a value added assessment  
12 system;
  - 13 c. The viability of using the current New York state assessments to  
14 develop a value added assessment system;
  - 15 d. The viability of using a value added assessment system for the  
16 diagnostic purposes of improving instruction, evaluating teacher prac-  
17 tice standards and developing methods of teacher professional develop-  
18 ment;
  - 19 e. The viability of using a value added assessment system for school  
20 district and school accountability purposes;
  - 21 f. The viability of using a value added assessment system for other  
22 accountability purposes; and
  - 23 g. The cost of New York state developing a value added assessment  
24 system.

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

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1 S 2. The commission shall consist of 9 members to be appointed as  
2 follows: 3 members to be appointed by the governor, 3 members to be  
3 appointed by the speaker of the assembly and 3 members to be appointed  
4 by the temporary president of the senate. The commissioner of education  
5 shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member of the commission. The  
6 governor shall designate the chairperson of the commission.

7 S 3. The members of the commission and expert advisors designated  
8 pursuant to section four of this act shall receive no compensation for  
9 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses  
10 incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder. To the maximum  
11 extent feasible, the commission shall be entitled to request and receive  
12 the use of facilities, resources and data from any department, division,  
13 board, bureau, commission or agency of the state as it deems necessary  
14 or desirable to carry out its powers and duties.

15 S 4. The commission may designate expert advisors knowledgeable in the  
16 development and implementation of value added assessments and systems  
17 necessary for implementing value added assessments, both from within and  
18 outside the state of New York.

19 S 5. The commission shall submit its final report to the governor,  
20 speaker of the assembly and temporary president of the senate on or  
21 before December 31, 2009.

22 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
23 deemed repealed April 1, 2010.