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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. A temporary state commission, to be known as the temporary
2 state commission on value added assessment, is hereby created to study
3 the merits of value added assessment models in school accountability,
4 including improving instruction, evaluating teacher practice standards
5 and informing the best methods of professional development.
6 The commission shall examine, but not be limited to making recommendations
7 on the following issues:
8 a. Assess the benefits of New York state implementing a value added
9 assessment system;
10 b. Determine if new tests or additional testing shall be needed to
11 develop a value added assessment system;
12 c. Evaluate the capacity (staff, computing resources and high-quality
13 longitudinal data) of the department of education to implement a value
14 added assessment system;
15 d. Determine how a value added assessment system can be used for the
16 diagnostic purposes of improving instruction, evaluating teacher practice
17 and developing methods of teacher professional development;
18 e. Assess the viability of using a value added assessment system for
19 school accountability purposes; and
20 f. Estimate the cost to the state of developing a value added assessment
21 system.
22 S 2. The commission shall consist of 11 members to be appointed as
23 follows: 3 members to be appointed by the governor, 3 members to be
24 appointed by the speaker of the assembly, 3 members to be appointed by

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

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1 the temporary president of the senate, 1 member to be appointed by the
2 minority leader of the senate, and 1 member to be appointed by the
3 minority leader of the assembly. The appointees shall include a school
4 administrator, a school board member and a classroom teacher. The
5 commissioner of education shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member
6 of the commission. Any vacancy on such commission shall be filled in the
7 same manner as the original appointment was made. A chairperson of such
8 commission shall be elected by the majority of its members, all members
9 being present.

10 S 3. The members of the commission and expert advisors designated
11 pursuant to section two of this act shall receive no compensation for
12 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
13 incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.

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

18 S 5. The department of education shall provide the commission such
19 facilities, assistance and data as will enable the commission to carry
20 out its powers and duties.

21 S 6. The commission shall submit its final report to the governor,
22 speaker of the assembly and temporary president of the senate on or
23 before June 30, 2010.

24 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
25 deemed repealed December 1, 2010.