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

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. SCHIMMINGER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing the commissioner of education to conduct a study identifying paperwork requirements and developing and implementing a five year paperwork reduction plan

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. A. THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO CONDUCT A STUDY THAT WILL IDENTIFY THE PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS AS ESTABLISHED BY STATE STATUTE, RULE OR REGULATION PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL SCHOOLS.

B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, PAPERWORK SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO ALL CERTIFICATES, REPORTS, FORMS OR OTHER REQUIRED TYPES OF COMMUNICATION THAT INVOLVE OR TERMINATE IN A PAPER RECORD.

C. THIS STUDY SHALL BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE AND SHALL IDENTIFY A LIST OF SUCH PAPERWORK AND DETERMINE THE TOTAL VOLUME OF ALL PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND A COMBINED TOTAL FOR ALL SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES STATEWIDE, OF PAPERWORK AS DEFINED IN THIS SUBDIVISION. THIS LIST SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE ESTIMATED COSTS, IN MATERIALS AND LABOR, TO THE SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPLETION OF SUCH PAPERWORK RECORDS. SUCH STUDY SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE ESTIMATED COSTS TO THE SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCA-

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

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TIONAL SERVICES AND TO THE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF SUCH PAPERWORK RECORDS THROUGH THE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM SUCH AS THE INTERNET.

D. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL THEN DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A FIVE YEAR PLAN TO REDUCE THE TOTAL PAPERWORK VOLUME FOR EACH SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT BY AT LEAST TEN PERCENT PER YEAR FOR EACH OF THE FIVE YEARS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF SUCH STUDY.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.