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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commissioner of education to conduct an audit and report on statewide compliance with state instructional regulations for arts education

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 815 to read as follows:

S 815. ARTS INSTRUCTION COMPLIANCE. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND REQUIRED TO COLLECT THE NECESSARY DATA AND INFORMATION TO ASSESS COMPLIANCE WITH STATE EDUCATION REGULATIONS FOR ARTS INSTRUCTION AT ALL SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR TRUSTEES OF ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL COMPLY WITH REQUESTS BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR SUCH INFORMATION AS IS DEEMED RELEVANT BY THE DEPARTMENT.

2. THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED AND REPORTED TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE PUBLIC BY JUNE, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE FOR THE TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN--TWO THOUSAND TWELVE SCHOOL YEAR AND EVERY FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER.

3. ONCE A DISTRICT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE COMPLIANT WITH THE STATE EDUCATION REGULATIONS FOR ARTS INSTRUCTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO ASSESS OR EVALUATE THAT DISTRICT'S LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION OR TO INCLUDE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT'S COMPLIANCE WITH STATE EDUCATION REGULATIONS FOR ARTS INSTRUCTION IN THE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE PUBLIC AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. 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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