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STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be  
committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commis-  
sioner 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 ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

21    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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