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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT, BING, LAVINE, MAISEL, JAFFEE, GIBSON, MILLMAN, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, CLARK, GLICK, GOTTFRIED, LENTOL, McENENY, RAIA, SCHIMEL, SWEENEY, TITONE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

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 and to establish a remediation process for schools found to be out of compliance

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. STATEWIDE AUDIT OF COMPLIANCE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A STATEWIDE AUDIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE EDUCATION REGULATIONS FOR ARTS INSTRUCTION. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR TRUSTEES OF ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL COMPLY WITH REQUESTS BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR SUCH INFORMATION DEEMED RELEVANT BY THE DEPARTMENT. SUCH ASSESSMENT 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.

S 2. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 42 to read as follows:

42. HE OR SHE SHALL REQUIRE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR TRUSTEES OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS FOUND TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE INSTRUCTIONAL REGULATIONS FOR ARTS EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN THAT DESCRIBES STEPS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS WITH A TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STEPS WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS OF THE AUDIT. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REVIEW AND APPROVE ALL ACTION PLANS AND FACILITATE THEIR IMPLEMENTATION AND MAKE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE PUBLIC ON PROGRESS AT THOSE SCHOOLS.

S 3. 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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