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NOUGH, MONTESANO, RA, RAIA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO,  
SWEENEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to personnel records of  
classroom teachers

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 3012-d  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 3012-D. PERSONNEL RECORDS OF CLASSROOM TEACHERS.     1. ALL PERSONNEL  
4     RECORDS OF CLASSROOM TEACHERS USED TO EVALUATE OR GENERATED AS THE  
5     RESULT OF AN EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOU-  
6     SAND TWELVE-C OF THIS ARTICLE, UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
7     OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, SHALL BE USED FOR EVALU-  
8     ATION OF JOB PERFORMANCE ONLY AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND  
9     NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION OR REVIEW BY A PARENT OF A STUDENT OR ANY  
10    OTHER PERSON WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF SUCH TEACHER EXCEPT  
11    AS MAY BE MANDATED BY LAWFUL COURT ORDER; PROVIDED THAT A SCHOOL  
12    DISTRICT OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES MAY, WITHOUT FIRST  
13    OBTAINING CONSENT OR A COURT ORDER, RELEASE DATA SUMMARIZING THE AGGRE-  
14    GATE RESULTS OF SUCH PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS.  
15    2. PRIOR TO ISSUING SUCH COURT ORDER THE JUDGE MUST REVIEW ALL SUCH  
16    REQUESTS AND GIVE INTERESTED PARTIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. NO  
17    SUCH ORDER SHALL ISSUE WITHOUT A CLEAR SHOWING OF FACTS SUFFICIENT TO  
18    WARRANT THE JUDGE TO REQUEST RECORDS FOR REVIEW.  
19    3. IF, AFTER SUCH HEARING THE JUDGE CONCLUDES THERE IS A SUFFICIENT  
20    BASIS, HE OR SHE SHALL SIGN AN ORDER REQUIRING THAT THE PERSONNEL  
21    RECORDS IN QUESTION BE SEALED AND SENT DIRECTLY TO HIM OR HER. HE OR SHE  
22    SHALL THEN REVIEW THE FILE AND MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THE  
23    RECORDS ARE RELEVANT AND MATERIAL IN THE ACTION BEFORE HIM OR HER. UPON  
24    SUCH A FINDING THE COURT SHALL MAKE THOSE PARTS OF THE RECORD FOUND TO  
25    BE RELEVANT AND MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO THE PERSONS SO REQUESTING.  
26    4. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY DISTRICT  
27    ATTORNEY OR HIS OR HER ASSISTANTS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR HIS OR HER

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

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1 DEPUTIES OR ASSISTANTS, A COUNTY ATTORNEY OR HIS OR HER DEPUTIES OR  
2 ASSISTANTS, A CORPORATION COUNSEL OR HIS OR HER DEPUTIES OR ASSISTANTS,  
3 A TOWN ATTORNEY OR HIS OR HER DEPUTIES OR ASSISTANTS, A VILLAGE ATTORNEY  
4 OR HIS OR HER DEPUTIES OR ASSISTANTS, A GRAND JURY, OR ANY AGENCY OF  
5 GOVERNMENT WHICH REQUIRES THE RECORDS DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF  
6 THIS SECTION, IN THE FURTHERANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS.

7 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.