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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- 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 removing the requirement for annual visual inspections of school buildings

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 409-d of the education law, as
2 added by section 1 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 1998, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 1. Program establishment. The commissioner is authorized and directed
5 to establish, develop and monitor a comprehensive public school building
6 safety program which shall include a uniform inspection, safety rating
7 and monitoring system. Such program shall [require the annual inspection
8 of all public school buildings throughout New York state;] establish a
9 safety rating system for such school buildings to assess the need for
10 maintenance, repairs, rehabilitation, reconstruction, construction and
11 other improvements related to the structural integrity and overall safety
12 of public school buildings including but not limited to building
13 systems related to electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air
14 conditioning, sanitation and health, fire and accident protection; and
15 require that such ratings be used for the purpose of developing a buildings
16 condition survey as required pursuant to subdivision four of
17 section thirty-six hundred forty-one of this chapter and a five year
18 facilities plan as required pursuant to clause (i) of subparagraph two
19 of paragraph b of subdivision six of section thirty-six hundred two of
20 this chapter.
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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