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AN ACT to direct the commissioner of education to examine, evaluate and make recommendations on the provision of services by public school guidance counsellors

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

Section 1. The commissioner of education is hereby directed to examine, evaluate and make recommendations on the provision of services to students of the public schools of the state by guidance counsellors. Such commissioner shall study, with particular care:

(a) the ratio of guidance counsellors to students, by public school, school district and statewide;

(b) the amount of time each guidance counsellor spends with each student during a school year, by public school, school district and statewide;

(c) the number of students each guidance counsellor interviews during a school quarter, by public school, school district and statewide;

(d) the number of students in each grade that are interviewed by a guidance counsellor during a school quarter, by public school, school district and statewide;

(e) the services guidance counsellors provide to students, by public school and school district;

(f) the number of hours guidance counsellors are available to students each school day, by public school, school district and statewide;

(g) the types and frequency of guidance counsellor services that should be provided to students in public schools.

S 2. On or before January 1, 2014, the commissioner of education shall submit a report of its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the chairs of the senate and assembly committees on education. Such report shall also include such legislative proposals as the commissioner deems necessary to implement his or her recommendations.

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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