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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to establish a task force on arts and music education in elementary and secondary schools; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. A task force on arts and music education in elementary and secondary schools is hereby established to examine, evaluate, accept public comment and make recommendations concerning the adequacy of the current state curriculum for arts and music education for elementary and secondary schools in the state, and the sufficiency of time devoted to the instruction and performance of music and the arts during each school day. The task force may make such recommendations, as it deems fit, to revise and alter the curriculum for arts and music education to better promote the arts and music in elementary and secondary schools, and to increase the time devoted to providing instruction and education therein. Such task force shall identify, with particular care, those impacts that arts and music education have on enhancing pupil academic performance and improving pupil social interaction among their fellow pupils.

S 2. The task force shall consist of 11 members to be appointed as follows:

(a) one member appointed by the board of regents;

(b) one member appointed by the council on the arts;

(c) one member appointed by the New York State School Music Association;

(d) one member appointed by the New York State Art Teachers Association;

(e) one member appointed by the New York State School Boards Association;

(f) one member appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(g) one member appointed by the speaker of the assembly; and

(h) four members appointed by the governor.

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

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The members of the task force shall each have experience in the various facets of art or music education, or behavioral sciences. The governor shall designate the chair of the task force from among his or her appointees. Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

S 3. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

S 4. To the maximum extent feasible, the task force shall be entitled to request and receive, and shall utilize and be provided with such facilities, resources and data of any department, division, board, bureau, commission, district or agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof as it may reasonably request to properly carry out its powers and duties pursuant to this act.

S 5. The task force shall submit, within 18 months of the effective date of this act, a report of its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the governor, board of regents, temporary president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, minority leader of the senate and minority leader of the assembly. The report shall include such legislative proposals as the task force deems necessary to implement its recommendations.

S 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 18 months after such date or on the date the report required by section five of this act is submitted, whichever shall be later; provided that the task force on arts and music education shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the submission of such report in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.