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on Education

AN ACT establishing the task force in arts in the classroom

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

1 Section 1. There is hereby established a task force on arts in the
2 classroom to investigate and advise the governor and the legislature on
3 the current curriculum relating to the arts and what, if any, steps
4 should be taken to alter such curriculum. Such investigation shall
5 include the impact of art on academic and social performance.
6 The task force shall consist of fourteen members and shall include the
7 following: three representatives from the board of regents; the director
8 of the New York state council on the arts or his or her designee; one
9 representative from New York state united teachers; one representative
10 from the united federation of teachers; one representative from each of
11 the following school districts: Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Syra-
12 cuse and Yonkers; one member appointed by the temporary president of the
13 senate; one member appointed by the speaker of the assembly and one
14 member appointed by the governor. Such appointees shall have experience
15 in various facets of education and/or behavioral sciences.
16 Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their
17 service as members. Members of the task force representing state agen-
18 cies, departments, authorities or councils shall be compensated for
19 their actual and necessary expenses by warrant of the comptroller and
20 voucher of their department, agency, authority or council. Members of
21 the task force not representing a state department, agency, authority or
22 council shall, under the warrant of the comptroller and voucher of the
23 commissioner, or his duly designated agent, be allowed their necessary
24 and actual expenses incurred in the performance of duty.
25 The task force may request and shall receive from any subdivision,
26 department, board, bureau, commission, office, agency, or other instru-
27 mentality of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, such
28 facilities, assistance and data as it deems necessary and desirable for
29 the proper execution of its functions hereunder.
30 The task force shall report their findings and make recommendations to
31 the governor and legislature no later than June 1, 2015.
32 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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