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Introduced by M. of A. BARRON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to establish a task force on school governance to research and propose a new system for school governance in a city with a population of one million or more; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. 1. A task force on school governance is hereby established to research and propose a new system for school governance in a city with a population of one million or more. Such task force shall be composed of sixteen members of whom one member shall be appointed by the governor, one member shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, one member shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly, one member shall be appointed by New York State United Teachers, one member shall be appointed by the United Federation of Teachers, one member shall be appointed by District Council 37, one member shall be appointed by the council of school supervisors and administrators, five members shall be appointed by the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council and two members shall be appointed by the state department of education. Of the members appointed by the department of education, both shall be student representatives from Student Leadership Teams; one such member shall be appointed from a high-performing school and the other such member shall be appointed from a low-performing school. The chair of the task force shall be elected by a majority vote of the task force members. The members of the task force shall each have demonstrated experience or expertise in school governance and/or have an impact on their schools and communities.

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

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2. The task force shall research, examine and evaluate potential school governance models and shall propose a new system for school governance in a city with a population of one million or more. The commission is charged with the following tasks: assess the strengths and weaknesses of the current educational system; create a strategic plan and develop a mission, goals and policies to redesign the system and its governance structure to guarantee every child's human right to education; include the public in a democratic process to reach consensus about a redesigned system that the legislature enacts into law.

S 2. 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, provided that the task force shall be authorized to conduct meetings in a manner that minimizes travel and costs.

S 3. The task force shall submit, within twelve months of the effective date of this act, a final report of its proposal for a new system for school governance in a city with a population of one million or more to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly and the chairs of the education committees in the assembly and senate. The report shall include such legislative proposals as the task force deems necessary to implement its new system for school governance. Such proposal for a new system for school governance in a city with a population of one million or more shall go into effect on September 1, 2016. Mayoral control pursuant to article 52-A of the education law shall expire on September 1, 2016.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that sections one and two of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed September 1, 2016.