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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the use of independent trained evaluators

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

Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 4 of section 3012-d of the education law, as added by section 2 of subpart E of part EE of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

b. Teacher observations category. The observations category for teachers shall be based on a state-approved rubric and shall include up to three subcomponents. Such category must include: (1) a subcomponent based on classroom observations conducted by a principal or other trained administrator and [must] MAY also include (2) a subcomponent based on classroom observations by an impartial independent trained evaluator or evaluators selected by the district. An independent trained evaluator may be employed within the SAME school district[, but not the same school building,] as the teacher being evaluated. Such category may also include a subcomponent based on classroom observations conducted by a trained peer teacher rated effective or highly effective from the same school or from another school in the district. SUCH DECISION TO USE AN INDEPENDENT TRAINED EVALUATOR SHALL BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

The commissioner shall determine the weights, and/or weighting options and scoring ranges for the subcomponents of the observations category that result in a combined category rating. The commissioner shall also determine the minimum number of observations to be conducted annually, including frequency and duration, and any parameters therefor. The commissioner shall set such weights and scores consistent with the terms contained herein.

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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