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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:

1 Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 4 of section 3012-d of the
2 education law, as added by section 2 of subpart E of part EE of chapter
3 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:
4 b. Teacher observations category. The observations category for teach-
5 ers shall be based on a state-approved rubric and shall include up to
6 three subcomponents. Such category must include: (1) a subcomponent
7 based on classroom observations conducted by a principal or other
8 trained administrator and [must] MAY also include (2) a subcomponent
9 based on classroom observations by an impartial independent trained
10 evaluator or evaluators selected by the district. An independent trained
11 evaluator may be employed within the SAME school district[, but not the
12 same school building,] as the teacher being evaluated. Such category may
13 also include a subcomponent based on classroom observations conducted by
14 a trained peer teacher rated effective or highly effective from the same
15 school or from another school in the district. SUCH DECISION TO USE AN
16 INDEPENDENT TRAINED EVALUATOR SHALL BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT
17 TO ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.
18 The commissioner shall determine the weights, and/or weighting options
19 and scoring ranges for the subcomponents of the observations category
20 that result in a combined category rating. The commissioner shall also
21 determine the minimum number of observations to be conducted annually,
22 including frequency and duration, and any parameters therefor. The
23 commissioner shall set such weights and scores consistent with the terms
24 contained herein.
25 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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