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AN ACT to establish a report 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:

1 Section 1. 1. The commissioner of education shall: (a) create a procedure in which school district compliance with current arts education and
2 instruction requirements including visual arts, music, dance and theatre, hereinafter referred to in this act as "arts education instruction", as required by law and regulation in elementary and secondary
3 public schools is reported to the state education department by school districts for the purposes of preparing the report provided for by
4 subdivision two of this section; and (b) provide suggestions on how the current arts education instruction requirements could be improved or
5 enhanced.
6 2. The state education department shall prepare a report that must
7 include, but not be limited to, the following:
8 (a) how the state standards, including statutory and regulatory
9 requirements, for arts education instruction could be revised or altered
10 to better promote education and appreciation of the arts and music in
11 elementary and secondary schools;
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (b) how the state standards, including statutory and regulatory
2 requirements, for arts education instruction could be revised or altered
3 to increase the time devoted to providing instruction and education for
4 such arts;

5 (c) i. the impacts that arts education instruction has on enhancing
6 pupil academic performance;

7 ii. how integrating the arts education instruction into general educa-
8 tion throughout the learning process, could enhance students' learning
9 capabilities.

10 3. On or before July 1, 2018, the commissioner of education shall
11 report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the
12 speaker of the assembly, and the chairs of the senate and assembly
13 committees on education the findings made based on the information
14 reported pursuant to subdivision one of this section including an analy-
15 sis and explanation of the data, and shall identify steps that should be
16 taken to ensure that all public schools are in compliance with arts
17 education instruction requirements in elementary and secondary grades
18 and examine, evaluate and make recommendations concerning the adequacy
19 of the current state standards for arts education and instruction for
20 elementary and secondary schools in the state. Such recommendations may
21 include but not be limited to revisions or alterations to the state
22 standards for arts education and instruction to better promote and
23 increase time devoted to providing such instruction.

24 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be
25 deemed repealed January 1, 2019 or on the one hundred eightieth day
26 after the report required by subdivisions two and three of section one
27 of this act is submitted to the governor, the temporary president of the
28 senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the chairs of the senate and
29 assembly committees on education, whichever shall be later; provided,
30 further, that the state education department shall notify the legisla-
31 tive bill drafting commission upon the submission of the report required
32 by subdivisions two and three of section one of this act to the gover-
33 nor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly,
34 and the chairs of the senate and assembly committees on education, in
35 order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective
36 data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in
37 furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legisla-
38 tive law and section 70-b of the public officers law.