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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the standardized testing transparency act; and making an appropriation therefor

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

- 1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "standard-
2 ized testing transparency act".
3 S 2. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding two new
4 subdivisions 53 and 54 to read as follows:
5 53. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL RELEASE ALL STATE STANDARDIZED TEST
6 CONTENT, QUESTIONS, AND ANSWERS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF
7 THE COMPLETION OF THE TESTING AND ANY MAKE-UP TESTING.
8 54. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL RELEASE DATA FOLLOWING THE ADMINISTRATION
9 OF EACH STATE STANDARDIZED TEST REGARDING THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE
10 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THE EXAMS BY DISTRICT AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS
11 WHO OPTED OUT OF THE EXAM.
12 S 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 115 to read
13 as follows:
14 S 115. STANDARDIZED TESTING TASK FORCE. 1. A. THERE IS ESTABLISHED A
15 STANDARDIZED TESTING TASK FORCE. THE PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE
16 TO STUDY THE CURRENT STANDARDIZED TESTING PROGRAM.
17 B. THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE P-12
18 COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST:
19 (1) ONE CERTIFIED NEW YORK STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER;
20 (2) ONE CERTIFIED TEACHER WITH AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CERTIF-
21 ICATE; AND
22 (3) ONE PARENT OF A NEW YORK STATE ELEMENTARY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT.
23 2. THE TASK FORCE SHALL EVALUATE:

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

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1 A. THE AGE AND DEVELOPMENTAL APPROPRIATENESS OF COMMON CORE STANDARD-
2 IZED TESTS IN THIRD THROUGH EIGHTH GRADES IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND
3 MATHEMATICS AS ADMINISTERED IN THE TWO THOUSAND TWELVE--TWO THOUSAND
4 THIRTEEN, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN--TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, AND TWO THOUSAND
5 FOURTEEN--TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN SCHOOL YEARS; AND

6 B. THE BENEFIT OF HAVING TESTS CREATED INTERNALLY BY NEW YORK STATE
7 EDUCATORS AS OPPOSED TO CONTRACTED VENDORS OR INCREASING INPUT WITH ANY
8 OUTSIDE VENDOR BY ALLOWING NEW YORK EDUCATORS AN ADVISORY ROLE IN TEST
9 CREATION.

10 S 4. The sum of eight million four hundred thousand dollars
11 (\$8,400,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appro-
12 priated to the department of education out of any moneys in the state
13 treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes
14 account, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for
15 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act and for the
16 reduction of field testing. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit
17 and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the
18 commissioner of education in the manner prescribed by law.

19 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.