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

AN ACT in relation to the adoption of a statewide teacher and principal evaluation system

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "your voice, our schools act".

S 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of section 3012-c of the education law to the contrary, the commissioner of education is hereby authorized and directed, subject to the provisions of section 207 of the education law, to adopt regulations of the commissioner and guidelines no later than December 31, 2016, to implement a statewide annual teacher and principal evaluation system in New York state pursuant to section 3012-d of the education law after consulting with experts and practitioners in the fields of education, economics and psychometrics and taking into consideration the parameters set forth in the letter from the chancellor of the board of regents and acting commissioner dated December 31, 2014, to the New York state director of state operations.

S 3. The commissioner of education shall establish a process to accept public comments and recommendations regarding the adoption of regulations pursuant to section 3012-d of the education law and consult in writing with the secretary of the United States department of education on weights, measures and ranking of evaluation categories and subcomponents and shall release the response from the secretary upon receipt thereof but in any event prior to publication of the regulations hereunder.

S 4. The period to accept public comments and recommendations shall last until December 31, 2015 and the commissioner of education shall ensure that a link for such public comments and recommendations is available on the state education department website. The commissioner

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

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of education shall conduct at least one public forum in each Regents district during the public comment period.

S 5. The commissioner of education shall report his or her findings of the public comments and recommendations to the governor and the legislature no later than March 31, 2016. Such report shall include the number of comments received and an executive summary that includes a broad cross section of comments, and citizen input, for how teacher evaluations should be implemented.

S 6. All public schools shall implement the commissioner of education's approved teacher and principal evaluation system by January 1, 2019. Any school that fails to implement such system by that date shall not be eligible to receive any funds appropriated for the 2019-2020 school year.

S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.