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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to establish a task force 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. A task force on arts and music education in elementary and
2 secondary schools is hereby established to examine, evaluate, accept
3 public comment and make recommendations concerning the adequacy of the
4 current state curriculum for arts and music education for elementary and
5 secondary schools in the state, and the sufficiency of time devoted to
6 the instruction and performance of music and the arts during each school
7 day. The task force may make such recommendations, as it deems fit, to
8 revise and alter the curriculum for arts and music education to better
9 promote the arts and music in elementary and secondary schools, and to
10 increase the time devoted to providing instruction and education there-
11 in. Such task force shall identify, with particular care, those impacts
12 that arts and music education have on enhancing pupil academic perform-
13 ance and improving pupil social interaction among their fellow pupils.
14 S 2. The task force shall consist of 11 members to be appointed as
15 follows:
16 (a) one member appointed by the board of regents;
17 (b) one member appointed by the council on the arts;
18 (c) one member appointed by the New York State School Music Associ-
19 ation;
20 (d) one member appointed by the New York State Art Teachers Associ-
21 ation;
22 (e) one member appointed by the New York State School Boards Associ-
23 ation;
24 (f) one member appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

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

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1 (g) one member appointed by the speaker of the assembly; and
2 (h) four members appointed by the governor.

3 The members of the task force shall each have experience in the vari-
4 ous facets of art or music education, or behavioral sciences. The gover-
5 nor shall designate the chair of the task force from among his or her
6 appointees. Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be
7 filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

8 S 3. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
9 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
10 incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

11 S 4. To the maximum extent feasible, the task force shall be entitled
12 to request and receive, and shall utilize and be provided with such
13 facilities, resources and data of any department, division, board,
14 bureau, commission, district or agency of the state or any political
15 subdivision thereof as it may reasonably request to properly carry out
16 its powers and duties pursuant to this act.

17 S 5. The task force shall submit, within 18 months of the effective
18 date of this act, a report of its findings, conclusions and recommenda-
19 tions to the governor, board of regents, temporary president of the
20 senate, speaker of the assembly, minority leader of the senate and
21 minority leader of the assembly. The report shall include such legisla-
22 tive proposals as the task force deems necessary to implement its recom-
23 mendations.

24 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
25 deemed repealed 18 months after such date or on the date the report
26 required by section five of this act is submitted, whichever shall be
27 later; provided that the task force on arts and music education shall
28 notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the submission of
29 such report in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and
30 timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state
31 of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44
32 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.