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Introduced by Sens. AVELLA, SERRANO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

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  
4     districts for the purposes of preparing the report provided for by  
5     subdivision two of this section; and (b) provide suggestions on how the  
6     current arts education instruction requirements could be improved or  
7     enhanced.  
8     2. The state education department shall prepare a report that must  
9     include, but not be limited to, the following:  
10    (a) how the state standards, including statutory and regulatory  
11    requirements, for arts education instruction could be revised or altered  
12    to better promote education and appreciation of the arts and music in  
13    elementary and secondary schools;  
14    (b) how the state standards, including statutory and regulatory  
15    requirements, for arts education instruction could be revised or altered  
16    to better promote education and appreciation of the arts and music in  
17    elementary and secondary schools;  
18    (c) how the state standards, including statutory and regulatory  
19    requirements, for arts education instruction could be revised or altered

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

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1 to increase the time devoted to providing instruction and education for  
2 such arts;

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

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

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

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