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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to confidentiality agreements with teachers

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 53 to read as follows:

53. A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW, RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, NO TEACHER, PRINCIPAL, OR SUPERINTENDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, OR THE DEPARTMENT THAT PREVENTS SUCH TEACHER, PRINCIPAL, OR SUPERINTENDENT FROM DISCUSSING THE CONTENTS OF ANY ELA AND MATH ASSESSMENTS IN GRADES 3 THROUGH 8.

B. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL AMEND AND/OR MODIFY ANY CURRENT CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT TO REMOVE ANY PROVISIONS THAT PREVENT TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS, OR SUPERINTENDENTS FROM DISCUSSING THE CONTENTS OF ANY ELA AND MATH ASSESSMENTS IN GRADES 3 THROUGH 8.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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