

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT directing the board of regents and the state education department, to conduct a study to evaluate and make recommendations on mandating kindergarten in all school districts

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. The board of regents and the state education department
2 shall conduct a study to evaluate and make recommendations on mandating
3 kindergarten in all school districts. Such study shall:
- 4 a. examine school districts currently offering kindergarten to deter-
5 mine the costs of requiring kindergarten in all school districts;
- 6 b. identify the potential effects kindergarten has on the learning
7 abilities of children;
- 8 c. make recommendations on the feasibility of mandating kindergarten
9 in all school districts; and
- 10 d. include any other information such board and such department deems
11 relevant.
- 12 § 2. No later than 1 year after the effective date of this act, the
13 board of regents and the state education department shall submit to the
14 governor and the legislature a report on the results of the study, as
15 described in section 1 of this act.
- 16 § 3. The board of regents and the state education department shall
17 evaluate such data with the assistance of experts in:
- 18 a. child education;
- 19 b. child development; and
- 20 c. school district finance.
- 21 § 4. 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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