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## IN SENATE

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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

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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. 1. The commissioner of education shall: (a) create a proce-  
2 dure in which school district compliance with current arts education and  
3 instruction requirements including visual arts, music, dance and thea-  
4 tre, hereinafter referred to in this act as "arts education instruc-  
5 tion", as required by law and regulation in elementary and secondary  
6 public schools is reported to the state education department by school  
7 districts for the purposes of preparing the report provided for by  
8 subdivision two of this section; and (b) provide suggestions on how the  
9 current arts education instruction requirements could be improved or  
10 enhanced.
- 11 2. The state education department shall prepare a report that must  
12 include, but not be limited to, the following:
- 13 (a) how the state standards, including statutory and regulatory  
14 requirements, for arts education instruction could be revised or altered  
15 to better promote education and appreciation of the arts and music in  
16 elementary and secondary schools;
- 17 (b) how the state standards, including statutory and regulatory  
18 requirements, for arts education instruction could be revised or altered  
19 to increase the time devoted to providing instruction and education for  
20 such arts;
- 21 (c) i. the impacts that arts education instruction has on enhancing  
22 pupil academic performance;

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

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1 ii. how integrating the arts education instruction into general educa-  
2 tion throughout the learning process, could enhance students' learning  
3 capabilities.

4 3. On or before July 1, 2019, the commissioner of education shall  
5 report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the  
6 speaker of the assembly, and the chairs of the senate and assembly  
7 committees on education the findings made based on the information  
8 reported pursuant to subdivision one of this section including an analy-  
9 sis and explanation of the data, and shall identify steps that should be  
10 taken to ensure that all public schools are in compliance with arts  
11 education instruction requirements in elementary and secondary grades  
12 and examine, evaluate and make recommendations concerning the adequacy  
13 of the current state standards for arts education and instruction for  
14 elementary and secondary schools in the state. Such recommendations may  
15 include but not be limited to revisions or alterations to the state  
16 standards for arts education and instruction to better promote and  
17 increase time devoted to providing such instruction.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be  
19 deemed repealed January 1, 2020 or on the one hundred eightieth day  
20 after the report required by subdivisions two and three of section one  
21 of this act is submitted to the governor, the temporary president of the  
22 senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the chairs of the senate and  
23 assembly committees on education, whichever shall be later; provided,  
24 further, that the state education department shall notify the legisla-  
25 tive bill drafting commission upon the submission of the report required  
26 by subdivisions two and three of section one of this act to the gover-  
27 nor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly,  
28 and the chairs of the senate and assembly committees on education, in  
29 order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective  
30 data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in  
31 furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legisla-  
32 tive law and section 70-b of the public officers law.