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

AN ACT to authorize and direct the commissioner of the department of agriculture and markets to study leaders in farm-to-school program development so that a knowledge clearinghouse may be established

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

Section 1. The commissioner of the department of agriculture and markets is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study on the Vermont Food Education Every Day program, a national leader in farm-to-school program development, and its parent organizations, Shelburne Farms and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont. Special attention should be given to: the program models; philosophies; curriculum integration approach; and staff training programs utilized by the Vermont Food Education Every Day program.

§ 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act the commissioner of agriculture and markets shall deliver a report of his or her findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation to the governor and the legislature. The report should describe with particularity how a program, similar in resources and approach to that of the Vermont Food Education Every Day program, may be implemented in this state.

§ 3. 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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