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IN SENATE

April 30, 2018

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:

Section 1. The board of regents and the state education department shall conduct a study to evaluate and make recommendations on mandating kindergarten in all school districts. Such study shall:

a. examine school districts currently offering kindergarten to determine the costs of requiring kindergarten in all school districts;

b. identify the potential effects kindergarten has on the learning abilities of children;

c. make recommendations on the feasibility of mandating kindergarten in all school districts; and

d. include any other information such board and such department deems relevant.

§ 2. No later than 1 year after the effective date of this act, the board of regents and the state education department shall submit to the governor and the legislature a report on the results of the study, as described in section 1 of this act.

§ 3. The board of regents and the state education department shall evaluate such data with the assistance of experts in:

a. child education;

b. child development; and

c. school district finance.

§ 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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